

## APNewsBreak: Johnson nets savings on prison labor

By SCOTT BAUER,

Associated Press Writer  
MADISON, Wis.

— Republican Senate candidate Ron Johnson, who has campaigned against government subsidies to business, employs up to nine prison inmates at his plastics factories whose health care costs are paid by the state, according to records obtained by The Associated Press.


Johnson, a political newcomer challenging Democratic U.S. Sen. Russ Feingold, is running as a businessman and job creator who opposes subsidies as government interference in the free market. He holds a slight lead in the race, according to recent polls.

Public records show that Pacur Inc. and Dynamic Drinkware LLC, two companies run by Johnson, employ up to nine inmates at a time through a state Corrections Department jobs program.

Johnson's companies offer private health insurance to the regular employees at the Oshkosh factories. But Melissa Roberts, an executive assistant with the Corrections Department, said the companies don't have to cover the inmate workers. "The benefit is that they don't have to pay health benefits," she said.

Health industry statistics indicate that companies spend an average of about \$10,000 per worker a year for insurance.

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## 'Bye Bye James; Hello Tom'

President Barack Obama watches as outgoing National Security Adviser James Jones, center, shakes hands with his replacement Tom Donilon, Friday, Oct. 8, 2010, in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington.

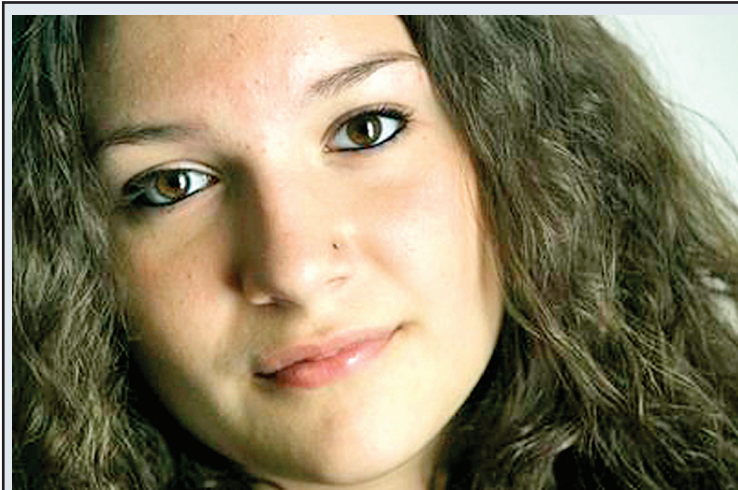
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New Jersey, USA -- Just recently, Aruba's Minister of Tourism, Otmar Oduber and his wife travelled to a NY Jets NFL football game in the Jet's new stadium

in East Rutherford NJ. A number of Aruba's tourism officials had been given complimentary tickets to the game as part of the promotional assets the Aruba

Hotel And Tourism Association received for supporting the NY Jets Cheerleaders swimsuit calendar shoot in Aruba this summer. *Continued on Page A14*



## Judge tells school to admit nose-pierced NC girl

Ariana Iacono, 14, poses for a photograph in Clayton, N.C., Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010. Iacono was suspended from her high school when she refused to remove the small piercing stud in her nose. She and her mother belong to the Church of Body Modification, which calls itself a non-theistic religion in which members express their faith through tattoos, piercings and the like.

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# Mexico opens probe into reported lake shooting



Texas game warden Jake Mort travels with an M-16 on a Parks and Wildlife boat, and a U.S. Coast Guard boat is seen in the background, on Falcon Lake, a lake that straddles the U.S. Mexico border, where where Coloradan David Hartley is still missing, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010 in Zapata, Texas. Hartley's wife says her husband was shot to death by Mexican pirates chasing them on speedboats across the lake on Sept. 30 as they returned on Jet Skis from a trip to photograph a historic Mexican church.

(AP Photo/Eric Gay)

By APRIL CASTRO,  
Associated Press Writer

ZAPATA, Texas—The Mexican government said Friday it has opened a federal investigation into the reported shooting of an American tourist on a border lake plagued by Mexican pirates and strongly denied accusations it has delayed

action on finding the man or his attackers.

A statement from Mexico's Ministry of Foreign Affairs "categorically rejects claims to the effect that Mexican authorities are not doing enough to find" David Hartley.

Hartley's wife, Tiffany, says

she and her husband were riding Jet Skis back from Mexico on Sept. 30 when they were attacked by Mexican pirates in speedboats who opened fire and shot David Hartley in the back of the head. He fell into the water. Tiffany Hartley has said she tried to rescue him but fled to the U.S. side of the lake as the pirates continued shooting.

Falcon Lake is a dammed section of the Rio Grande, 25 miles long and 3 miles across. Pirates have robbed boaters and fisherman on the Mexican side, prompting warnings by Texas state officials, but Hartley's death would mark the first violent fatality on the lake. The foreign ministry's statement said the federal attorney general's office has opened an investigation based on Tiffany Hartley's testimony to Mexican consulate officials in McAllen, Texas, where she lives.

In the Hartleys' previous home state of Colorado on Friday,

about 100 friends, relatives and supporters gathered at a Denver park ahead of a planned march to that city's Mexican consulate, where they hoped to encourage the Mexican efforts to find Hartley's body.

The Mexican army, federal police and state and local authorities — using speedboats, helicopters and all-terrain vehicles — have been searching since last week, authorities said.

Ruben Rios, a spokesman for the state prosecutor's office in Tamaulipas, said the search continues during daylight hours, but is suspended at night because of winds and waves. U.S. authorities said the search also has been hampered by threats from drug gangs.

That part of Tamaulipas state is overrun by violence from a turf battle between the Gulf Cartel and the Zeta drug gang, made up of former Mexican special forces soldiers, and both are battling the Mexican military. "The search will

continue for several days," Rios said. "The search for this person will be intensified."

U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar on Thursday told reporters Mexican authorities were doing everything they could while trying to keep their own crews safe.

"When darkness was falling (Wednesday evening), they got word that there might be an ambush," Cuellar said. "People that are trying to do their job on the Mexican side are facing a risk, they're right inside the hornets' nest ... they had to suspend the search."

Texas Gov. Rick Perry began Friday to soften his "no excuses" stance, saying through a spokeswoman that he was "grateful" for news Mexico had stepped up its search efforts, calling them "significant and very helpful."

But, said spokeswoman Katherine Cesinger, "I don't think anyone will be satisfied until a body is recovered." □



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# Judge tells school to admit nose-pierced NC girl

By EMERY P. DALESIO,  
Associated Press Writer

RALEIGH, N.C. — A federal judge ordered a North Carolina school to admit a 14-year-old high school student suspended for wearing a nose piercing she says is part of her religion, and the teenager headed to science class Friday afternoon.

U.S. District Judge Malcolm Howard on Friday ordered the Johnston County schools to suspend enforcement of their dress code for Ariana Iacono and allow her to return to school immediately. The judge ruled that the girl and her mother are likely to prevail in the lawsuit filed on their behalf by the American Civil Liberties Union.

“We are thrilled that Ariana can return to her studies,” her mother, Nikki Iacono, said in a statement released by the ACLU. “Ariana was an honor roll student in middle school, and she is eager to get back to her classes and continue with her education as soon as possible.”

A call to Nikki Iacono by The Associated Press was not immediately returned.

The lawsuit filed Wednesday claims school officials violated Iacono’s constitutional religious liberty rights. The freshman has been suspended

repeatedly since classes started four weeks ago. She and her mother, Nikki, claim the nose piercing is part of their faith, not a fashion statement.

The Johnston County school system has a dress code banning facial piercings, but allows for exemptions based on religious beliefs.

An attorney for the Johnston County school district, Neal Ramee, declined comment.

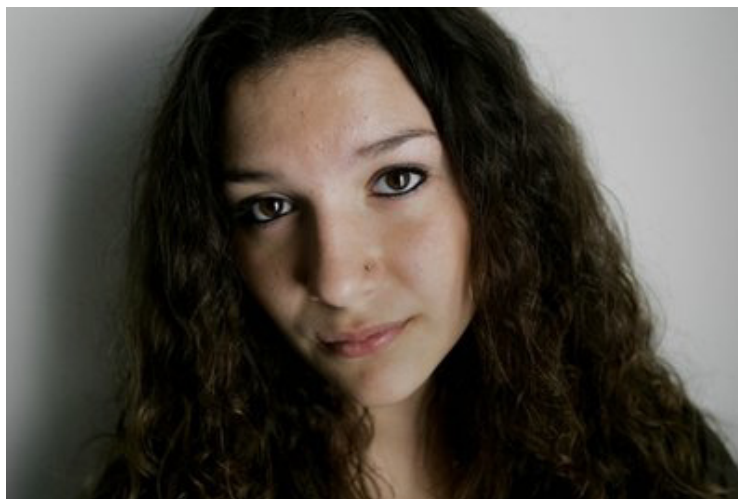
Ariana will be able to attend Clayton High School with her nose stud at least until Nov. 3, when another hearing is scheduled, said her attorney, Jon Sasser.

The Iaconos belong to a small religious group called the Church of Body Modification, which sees piercings and tattoos as religious devotion. The church has 3,500 members nationwide and was incorporated in Pennsylvania in July 2008, according to the lawsuit.

Richard Ivey, the Iaconos’ Raleigh minister in the Church of Body Modification, said the temporary order is encouraging.

“It’s a great step toward justice,” he said.

The Johnston County school system has a dress code banning facial piercings, along with short skirts,



**FILE** - In a Sept. 15, 2010 file photo, Ariana Iacono, 14, poses for a photograph in Clayton, N.C. Federal judge U.S. District Judge Malcolm Howard on Friday, Oct. 8, 2010, ordered a North Carolina school to admit 14-year-old high school student Ariana Iacono, who had been suspended for wearing a nose piercing she says is part of her religion. The teenager was on her way to science class at Clayton High School Friday afternoon at her attorney said.

(AP Photo/Jim R. Bounds, File)

sagging pants, “abnormal hair color” and other items deemed distracting or disruptive.

But the dress code also allows for exemptions based on “sincerely held religious belief,” and says, “the principal or designees shall not attempt to determine whether the religious beliefs are valid, but only whether they are central to religious doctrine and sincerely held.”

That’s where the school stepped over the line, the lawsuit alleges, saying officials repeatedly dismissed

explanations of the Iaconos’ faith by the family and their Raleigh minister.

Ariana Iacono has been suspended four times since fall classes started, missing 21 days so far. On Monday, the school system denied an appeal of her most recent suspension, and told her she’d have to attend South Campus Community School, an alternative facility for students with disciplinary and other problems. She still wouldn’t be allowed to wear the nose piercing in the other school. □

## Lawyers: Death row costly for Conn. murder convict

sentence. Hayes’ attorneys said Hayes repeatedly offered to plead guilty before the trial to all charges in exchange for a life sentence. They want to call the expert “to counter the popular impression that the cost of executing someone saves the state money in comparing to imposing a life sentence without the possibility of release.”

Prosecutors objected, saying the cost of an execution is irrelevant to whether Hayes should receive the death penalty. A jury on Tuesday convicted Hayes of the home invasion in Cheshire in 2007. Starting Oct. 18, the same jurors will begin hearing evidence of whether he should be executed and will decide his punishment by weighing mitigating and aggravating

factors. The argument over costs would be cited as a potential mitigating factor. Studies show death penalty cases cost an average of \$3 million, from lawyers’ fees to appeal costs to incarceration, compared with about \$1 million for cases involving life in prison, according to Richard Dieter, executive director of the Death Penalty Information Center, which is critical of how capital punishment is applied. But Kent Scheidegger, legal director of the Criminal Justice Legal Foundation and a death penalty supporter, said most of the cost studies have been conducted by death penalty opponents. He said he doesn’t dispute that executions probably cost more, but said that’s because of excessive appeals. □



**Dr. William Petit Jr., center, speaks with his father, William Petit Sr., left, and sister Johanna Petit Chapman outside Superior Court in New Haven, Conn., on Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2010. Steven Hayes was convicted of capital felony, murder, sexual assault and other counts by a jury that heard eight days of gruesome testimony about the July 2007 attacks on Jennifer Hawke-Petit and her daughters, Hayley and Michaela.**

(AP Photo/Jessica Hill)

By JOHN  
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Associated Press Writer

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — A Connecticut man convicted of murdering a woman and her two daughters in a home invasion will try to avoid the death penalty by arguing that

executions cost taxpayers more than life sentences.

Attorneys for Steven Hayes filed papers Friday in New Haven Superior Court saying they intend to call an expert who would testify that carrying out a death sentence far exceeds the cost of a life

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The Johnson campaign said the candidate was not available to comment Friday because he was preparing for his debate later that evening with Feingold. But campaign spokeswoman Sara Sendek said his companies hire inmates as a public service. Saving money “was not a factor by any means,” she said. “The factor was, this is a way to help put these people on the path back to recovery so they could contribute and work their way back into society.”

Democrats said the state-subsidized employees show that Johnson is guilty of hypocrisy.

“Instead of employing hardworking Wisconsinites he’s employing prisoners,” said Wisconsin Democratic Party Chairman Mike Tate. “It’s another example of him taking advantage of government programs to help his bottom line. It’s the height of hypocrisy for someone who claims to be a job creator.”

Johnson’s campaign would not say how many inmates the companies employ. State records, obtained by the AP through a state open records request, indicate the companies have participated in the work release program since 1998.

Pacur employs about 120 workers at a plant that makes packaging materials. Dynamic Drinkware has fewer than five employees. According to the Corrections Department, six other companies in Winnebago County participate in the work-release program, hiring up to 30 workers.

Health insurance and government spending have been major issues in the Senate campaign. Johnson has said the main reason he entered the race was to repeal the health care reform law that expands health insurance coverage. He has criticized Feingold for voting for the act.

Johnson has run ads arguing that as a businessman he is better qualified than Feingold, a lawyer, to attack unemployment, and that jobs are created by private enterprise, not through government subsidies and programs. □



# National security shuffle: Jones out, Donilon in



President Barack Obama, followed by outgoing National Security Adviser James Jones, center, and his replacement, Tom Donilon, walk to the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington, Friday, Oct. 8, 2010.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

By **BEN FELLER**,  
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Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Gen. James Jones, the gruff-talking military man President Barack Obama drafted as his national security adviser, announced Friday he was quitting after a tenure marked by ambitious foreign policy changes and undercurrents of corrosive turf battles. Jones will be replaced by his

chief deputy, Tom Donilon, a former Democratic political operative and lobbyist who in many ways is already the day-to-day leader of the White House national security operation. The move deepens a season of White House turnover near the midpoint of Obama's term, with White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel departing last week, chief economic adviser Lawrence Summers leaving by

year's end and other changes expected before long. Obama described the transition from Jones to Donilon as expected and seamless, thanking both men in a sunny Rose Garden ceremony. The president put an emphasis on the patriotism of Jones, a Marine who served in Vietnam and retired as a four-star general after a career of more than 40 years. The two barely knew each other when Jones took the post.

As Obama's chief national security aide, Jones served during a time when Obama has sought to reshape American foreign policy on many fronts, from ending the combat mission in Iraq to expanding the war in Afghanistan to attempting to improve relations across Europe and Asia.

He had quiet clout but found himself in a world of squabbles given the competing demands, ideas and personalities in the government and the challenge of trying to coordinate them through the National Security Council. Questions always seemed to loom over whether Jones' vast military experience translated as Obama had hoped into the job of national security adviser, which requires informing and counseling the president and coordinating views from agencies.

"Jim has always been a steady voice in Situation Room sessions, daily briefings and with meetings with foreign leaders," Obama said. He added that Jones had represented the U.S. before its allies in every region of the world, and he said the American people owe the general a debt for making the nation "safer and stronger."

Jones, 66, is expected to serve in the job for about two more weeks. He recalled that he met Obama just over two years ago and that he was persuaded to join him because of the Obama's desire to take on the hardest issues of the day in a difficult time for the nation.

The general said, "I believe that where we are today in the global playing field and how the United States is held in the esteem of the rest of the world is an accomplishment

that I frankly find astonishing in such a short period of time." To Obama, he said: "Thank you for letting me be a part of it."

Donilon's promotion has a significant spillover effect on the rest of the White House. He had emerged as a top candidate to replace Emanuel as the permanent chief of staff. Now that job appears even more likely to go to Pete Rouse, the newly installed interim chief and a longtime adviser to Obama.

Donilon has played a leading role in the policymaking process that tees up the national security decisions for the president. He has overseen the coordination among deputy chiefs from across the security field and is known for bringing an understanding of domestic policy and politics to the job.

At age 55, Donilon's route to the national security adviser post has been an unusual one. He worked as a political aide for Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale, helped manage Democratic National Conventions, and served in the State Department during Bill Clinton's presidency. A lawyer, Donilon served for years as executive vice president at Fannie Mae, the mortgage finance company taken over by the government during the economic crisis. He has long been close to Vice President Joe Biden; his wife, Cathy, is Biden's chief of staff.

"Over the last two years, there's not a single critical national security issue that has not crossed Tom's desk," Obama said. Expressing a clear comfort level with Donilon, Obama also noted his day-and-night work ethic, drawing laughs when he said it seemed to be fueled by Donilon's penchant for Diet Coke.

Donilon disclosed last year that he had made at least \$3.9 million from his partnership in the O'Melveny & Myers law firm. Donilon's clients at the firm included Citigroup, Goldman Sachs & Co., Verizon Communications, Obama fundraiser and hotel heiress


Penny Pritzker and former EPA Administrator Christine Todd Whitman. Donilon said in his 2009 financial disclosure report that he had sold his individual company stocks.

Jones retained clout and contacts across the military after his Marine career. His White House role was sometimes described in business terms, as a closer who might seal a deal for Obama after others did the legwork. But he had at times a relationship of friction and division with others on the security team.

Jones' selection as Obama's national security adviser and his interactions with Obama's staff were central subjects in Bob Woodward's new book, "Obama's Wars." Woodward, who traveled to Afghanistan for six days in June with Jones, reported that Jones believed Obama's senior political advisers — including Emanuel, David Axelrod and Robert Gibbs — were obstacles to settling on an Afghanistan policy, failing to attend strategy briefings and at least once blocking his access to Obama. Jones described them in Woodward's book as "water bugs," the "Politburo" and the "Mafia."

As national security adviser, Donilon takes on a deeper role on many of the policy challenges he has already helped shape at the White House — nuclear threats in Iran and North Korea, the threat of terrorism, the wars in the Afghanistan-Pakistan theater. The job comes with enormous demands.

"You have a lot of people outside the building who are rating you on a daily basis, if not an hourly basis," said James Lindsay, an authority on American foreign policymaking at the Council on Foreign Relations and a former staff member of the National Security Council. "The government is a large and complex operation, and you're supposed to make it hum, while bringing along Congress, the American public and other countries. It's a very tall order for anybody." □



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## Nevada family's secret life unravels

RENO, Nev. — Melissa Reed was a proud fiancée applying for what she thought was a routine marriage license two weeks ago when she learned a stunning secret: She had been abducted as a child and living under an assumed name.

The woman was actually a former New Jersey girl named Eva Marie Fiedler who was 6 years old when she disappeared with her mother during a bitter child custody battle. The mother, Nancy Dunsavage Fiedler, says she fled with her daughter and changed their names to save them from an abusive father. The mother lived with the secret for all these years, but confessed to the double life when her 32-year-old daughter couldn't get a marriage license because she lacked proper identification. She couldn't bear to keep the secret any longer, knowing that she had deprived her daughter of a chance to get married.

"The wedding is set, the guests are committed and she cannot get a marriage license because she has no photo ID," said Nancy Fiedler, aka Debbie Reed. "This has brought me to the realize that we cannot continue living like this."

The discovery touched off a bizarre chain of events that has landed her 57-year-old mother in jail in Reno on a 1985 fugitive warrant out of New Jersey. Prosecutors in New Jersey want to bring her there to face charges in what they consider a parental abduction. □

# NYPD: 7 in gang attacked gay recruit, 2 others

NEW YORK — Members of a street gang discovered one of their recruits was gay, so they attacked the teen, brutally beating and torturing him and two other people in gruesome assaults, police said Friday. Seven of the suspects were arrested and being held pending arraignment on charges of robbery, sodomy, menacing and assault as hate crimes. Two others were being sought.

The attack came amid heightened attention to anti-gay bullying following a string of suicides attributed to it last month around the country. Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said the first of the four assaults in the most recent case occurred at about 3:30 a.m. Sunday.

The first victim, a 17-year-old potential recruit for the "Latin King Goonies" street gang, was grabbed by gangmembers and taken to an empty Bronx apartment they used for parties and sex, police said. The teen was stripped, beaten and sodomized with a wooden plunger handle, police said. The attackers, apparently angry he was gay, yelled anti-gay insults and questioned him about his contact with a 30-year-old man, police said. The teen was eventually released and told not to tell anyone. He walked to a hospital where he was treated, but he reported his injuries as due to a robbery.

Using information gleaned from their interrogation of the recruit, the attackers then descended on another 17-year-old also thought to have had a relationship with the 30-year-old, police said. Both were lured to the same apartment. The second teen was assaulted at about 8:30 p.m. Sunday, police said.

The 30-year-old arrived about an hour later with malt liquor, thinking he was going to a party. He was stripped to his underwear and tied to a chair opposite the other teen, who was forced by the angry mob to burn the man with cigarettes, police said. They beat the 30-year-old, forced him to drink copious amounts of the malt liquor he brought, and sodomized him with a small baseball bat, police said.

"These suspects employed terrible wolf-pack odds of nine-against-one, odds which revealed them as predators whose crimes were as cowardly as they were despicable," Kelly said.

During the attack, some of the assailants went to the 30-year-old's home, where they attacked his older brother and robbed him of \$1,000, a 52-inch TV and two debit cards, police said.

The victims were eventually freed, hospitalized and treated.

The assailants scrubbed the scene top-to-bottom with bleach, even repainting the



walls to make it look new, police said.

"They could clean, but they couldn't hide," Kelly said.

Investigators said they still found alcohol cans and hair at the scene. And an onlooker slipped a phone number to detectives, leading them to the primary suspect. The victims, initially reluctant, also started to divulge more details about the assaults, Kelly said. The Hate Crimes Task Force took over the investigation, along with Bronx robbery and gang division and special victims squad and arrested the seven men.

City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, the city's highest-ranking openly gay official, called the attacks "vile" and "horrifying."

"These attacks are appalling and are even more despicable because the victims were clearly targeted in acts of hate simply because they are gay," Quinn said. "The cowardly few who committed these

crimes do not represent New Yorkers and our community will not be cowed by such violence."

A weekend rally on anti-gay bias was planned following other crimes against gays.

On Sunday, a patron at the Stonewall Inn, a symbol of the gay rights movement since protests over a 1969 police raid there, was beaten in an anti-gay bias attack, according to prosecutors. Two suspects in the case were charged. Their attorneys say they're not guilty.

That attack followed the Sept. 22 death of a New Jersey college student, who jumped off the George Washington Bridge after his sexual encounter with a man in his dorm room was secretly streamed online.

The student's roommate and another freshman have been charged with invasion of privacy. Authorities are considering bias-crime charges. □



**This composite sketch provided Thursday Oct. 7, 2010 by Lake County Police Department shows the suspect in Tuesday's random shootings at a work site in Illinois who ended about an hour later across the state line on an Indiana farm.**

(AP Photo/Lake County Police Department)

## Police officer arrested in Ill., Ind. Shootings

By MICHAEL TARM,  
Associated Press Writer

LYNWOOD, Ill. — Authorities said Friday they arrested a small-town police officer in a series of apparently random shootings along the Illinois-Indiana border that left one man dead and another two wounded.

The case has unnerved residents in the rural towns since the shootings began earlier this week. Investigators said a disheveled man approached his victims with strange questions, asking about honeybees or construction material, before pulling out a gun.

Brian Dorian, 37, was arrested on a murder warrant and held on \$2.5 million bail, said Chuck Pelkie, a spokesman for the Will County state's attorney's office. Dorian was arrested at his home in northeastern Illinois and held at a jail in Joliet, said Kathy Hoffmeyer, a spokeswoman for the Will County sheriff's department. Dorian, a police officer in

Lynwood, has been on medical leave with an injured shoulder since October 2009, said Eugene Williams, mayor of the village of about 7,400 people on the Illinois-Indiana border. Lynwood is about 30 miles south of Chicago. Williams did not have any other details but said he was told last week that Dorian would not be returning to duty soon. He said he knows the officer casually and, until Friday morning, knew of no problems with or concerns about him, other than his injured shoulder.

"He seems like a regular guy to me," Williams said. "It's so disappointing to say that because you always wish you could have picked out something (but) he was always polite, just like the rest of the guys."

Dorian's neighbor in nearby Crete, Robin Schmitz, said Dorian never showed any signs of being "mentally unbalanced," and even as recently as Thursday, "he didn't seem freaked out at all" when she talked to him. □



# Official: North Koreans will follow Kim Jong Un



In this undated file photo released on Wednesday, Oct. 6, 2010 by Korean Central News Agency via Korea News Service, North Korean leader Kim Jong Il's son Kim Jong Un, front row center, poses with Chief of the General Staff of the Korean People's Army Ri Yong Ho, front row far right, Defense Chief Kim Yong Chun, front row second from right, and North Korean soldiers who participated in a coordinated drill of a military unit of the Korean People's Army at an undisclosed location in North Korea.

*Associated Press*

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — A top official told APTN on Friday that North Koreans will be honored to follow the youngest son of Kim Jong Il as the third-generation leader of the communist nation. The remarks were the first official comment about the future of Kim Jong Un, who just last week made his public debut. Yang Hyong Sop, a top official in North Korea's

ruling Workers' Party, referred to the 20-something Kim as "the young general" during an exclusive interview with APTN.

"Our people take pride in the fact that they are blessed with great leaders from generation to generation," Yang said.

"Our people are honored to serve the great President Kim Il Sung and the great leader Kim Jong Il," he added. "Now we also have the honor of serving young Gen. Kim Jong Un."

The Swiss-educated Kim Jong Un had been virtually unknown before he made his public debut last week — appointed a four-star general and vice chairman of the ruling Workers' Party of Korea's central military commission.

The promotions backed up speculation Kim Jong Il's chubby-faced youngest son had been chosen to succeed his ailing father as eventual ruler of the impoverished authoritarian regime, which pursues active nuclear and missile programs.

The reclusive country opened celebrations Friday making the 65th anniversary of the founding of its communist party — starting with fireworks and ending with a huge military parade on Sunday.

Asked about the significance

of Sunday's 65th anniversary as well as Kim Jong Il's re-election as party leader and the promotion of Kim Jong Un, Yang said father and son would lead their country to success.

"What I can tell you is that comrade Kim Jong Il and comrade Kim Jong Un will lead us to victory with their wise guidance, and our people are well aware of the significance of the 65th anniversary of the founding of the Workers' Party of Korea," Yang said.

The younger Kim will be the third generation of his family to lead the nation of 24 million. His grandfather, Kim Il Sung, founded North Korea in 1948 on a policy of self-reliance called "juche" and built a cult of personality around himself and his son, Kim Jong Il.

Besides his ruling party post, Yang is vice president of the Presidium of the Supreme People's Assembly, the country's parliament.

In Washington, U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said it remains to be seen whether new leadership would lead to a change in the regime's behavior. Gates spoke at a news conference with his South Korean counterpart, Kim Tae-young.

"I think it's a good thing at this point of transition in North Korea that our

alliance (with South Korea) is, in fact, as both the minister and I have agreed, perhaps the strongest it's ever been," Gates said.

The world got its first real glimpse of Kim Jong Un when his photo was published last week in state media and he was shown on television at the Workers' Party convention, the country's most significant political gathering in 30 years.

The 68-year-old Kim Jong Il took over as leader after his father died in 1994 in what was the communist world's first hereditary transfer of power.

A fireworks display Friday in Pyongyang opened three days of celebrations to mark the 65th anniversary of the party's founding. The festivities culminate on Sunday with a massive military parade in the city's Kim Il Sung Square.

The fireworks show was attended by senior officials, including Kim Yong Nam, president of North Korea's parliament, and Jang Song Thaek, vice chairman of the National Defense Commission, according to APTN footage.

North Korean authorities have said the celebration for this year's anniversary will be the largest ever staged in the country. □



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# Uganda World Cup blasts: 36 suspects, 7 countries

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Associated Press Writer

KAMPALA, Uganda (AP)

— If Ugandan police investigators are right, the size of the conspiracy behind the twin bombings during July's World Cup finals could hardly have been bigger.

Ugandan police — with help from the FBI and Kenyan police — have arrested 36 people from seven countries in the wake of blasts that rocked Uganda's capital, killing 76 people.

The suspects hail from at least three countries with known terror links: Somalia, Yemen and Pakistan. At least one suspect said he was recruited and trained by al-Qaida. The Somali militant group that claimed responsibility for the blast, al-Shabab, has known links with the international terror group.

Uganda's director of military

intelligence, James Mugira, has said al-Qaida is at least partly responsible, although authorities believe the planning took place in Somalia.

A day after the blasts, al-Shabab, Somalia's most powerful militant group, said the bombings were retaliation for Ugandan troops' participation in the African Union peacekeeping mission in Mogadishu. The militant group promised more attacks, a threat Ugandan officials take seriously.

"Uganda cannot say that what happened on July 11th, 2010 cannot happen again," said army spokesman Felix Kulayigye. "It has happened in countries with better technology and better-facilitated security organizations than ours. We can only minimize it but cannot stop it."

The suspects in custody come from a wide background:

businessmen, university students, and leaders of small mosques. Other suspects come from Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda.

"The conspiracy is really very big," said James Okello, a senior police investigator told The Associated Press. "It involves many people who also seem to be well-funded." Edward Ochom, the head of Uganda's criminal investigations department, said the arrests show Uganda can successfully hunt down terrorists on its soil.

"It was not by mistake that we arrested those people," Ochom said. "Police have sufficient evidence that all those charged in courts of law with terrorism were somehow involved in the planting of the bombs."

Human rights officials, though, say some of the suspects have nothing to do with the bombings and were taken in



In this Jan. 1, 2010 photo, Sheik Mukhtar Robow, also known as Abu Mansur, the deputy leader of al-Shabab, left, is flanked by the group's spokesman Sheik Ali Mohamud Rage, right.

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because they are people of interest to the FBI and Kenyan authorities. Lawyer Ladislaus Rwakafuuzi represents eight Kenyans charged in the attacks. He said there is no evidence against most of his clients.

Ugandan authorities "are only interested in interrogating the bombers," Rwakafuuzi said. "The rest are being interrogated by the FBI and

Kenyans."

At least 10 human rights organizations in Kenya dispute the arrest of Al-Amin Kimathi, an activist with the Muslim Human Rights Forum in Nairobi. A U.S. Embassy spokesman in Kenya said previously that no representative of any U.S. agency was involved in any way in Kimathi's arrest, detention or questioning. □

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# U.S. gets another month to revive Mideast talks



Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, center, listens to Qatar's Foreign Minister Sheik Hamad Bin Jassem, right and Amr Moussa, Secretary general of the Arab League, during the Arab Foreign Ministers Peace Initiative meeting, in Sirte, Libya, Friday, Oct. 8, 2010.

SALAH NASRAWI

Associated Press Writer

SIRTE, Libya (AP) — Arab ministers agreed Friday to give the United States another month to try to persuade Israel

to renew curbs on West Bank settlement construction and keep Mideast peace talks from collapsing.

The one-month grace period followed a frantic effort by

the Obama administration to broker a compromise as the sides faced rising friction over the stalemate. Underscoring the potential for violence, Israeli troops killed two senior Hamas militants in the West Bank.

The Palestinians have said they won't return to the negotiating table unless Israel renews its moratorium on new construction in West Bank settlements, which expired last week after 10 months. Israel has refused to reinstate the moratorium, though it is considering compromises.

"The Israeli government was given the choice between peace and settlements, and it has chosen settlements," chief Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said. "It (Israel) alone bears the responsibility for

this."

Foreign ministers from the 22-member Arab League warned Israel of the dangerous consequences of continuing settlement construction in the Palestinian territories and east Jerusalem — lands the Palestinians claim for a future state.

"We support the Palestinian president's position calling for a complete halt of all settlement activities in order to resume negotiation," the Arab League's deputy Ahmad Bin Helli said as he read a statement issued after the ministerial meeting.

But the ministers also said they would resume meetings in a month to study alternatives and decide on next steps, giving the United States some breathing room.

The Israeli government had no immediate comment. Direct U.S.-backed negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians began on Sept. 2, following several months of indirect contacts, then stalled over the settlement dispute. Aides have said Abbas wants to avoid the impression that he is quitting talks, and instead sought to buy more time for U.S. diplomacy. "The U.S. effort should continue to safeguard what remains of the peace process," senior Abbas aide Nabil Abu Rdeneh said. Delegates who were at Friday's meeting said the ministers made their decision after Abbas explained that he faced stiff

opposition to returning to the peace talks in the Palestinian territories. They also said some of Friday's discussions centered on the need to delay a final decision until U.S. congressional elections in early November so the Obama administration would not face as much political pressure.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and special Mideast envoy George Mitchell called Arab leaders throughout the week, urging them to persuade the Palestinians not to walk away from the talks.

Friday's statement came despite a proposal by moderate Arab nations led by Egypt and Jordan for Abbas to return to indirect talks.

Some hard-line Arab states, including Syria, opposed any attempt to go back to the talks.

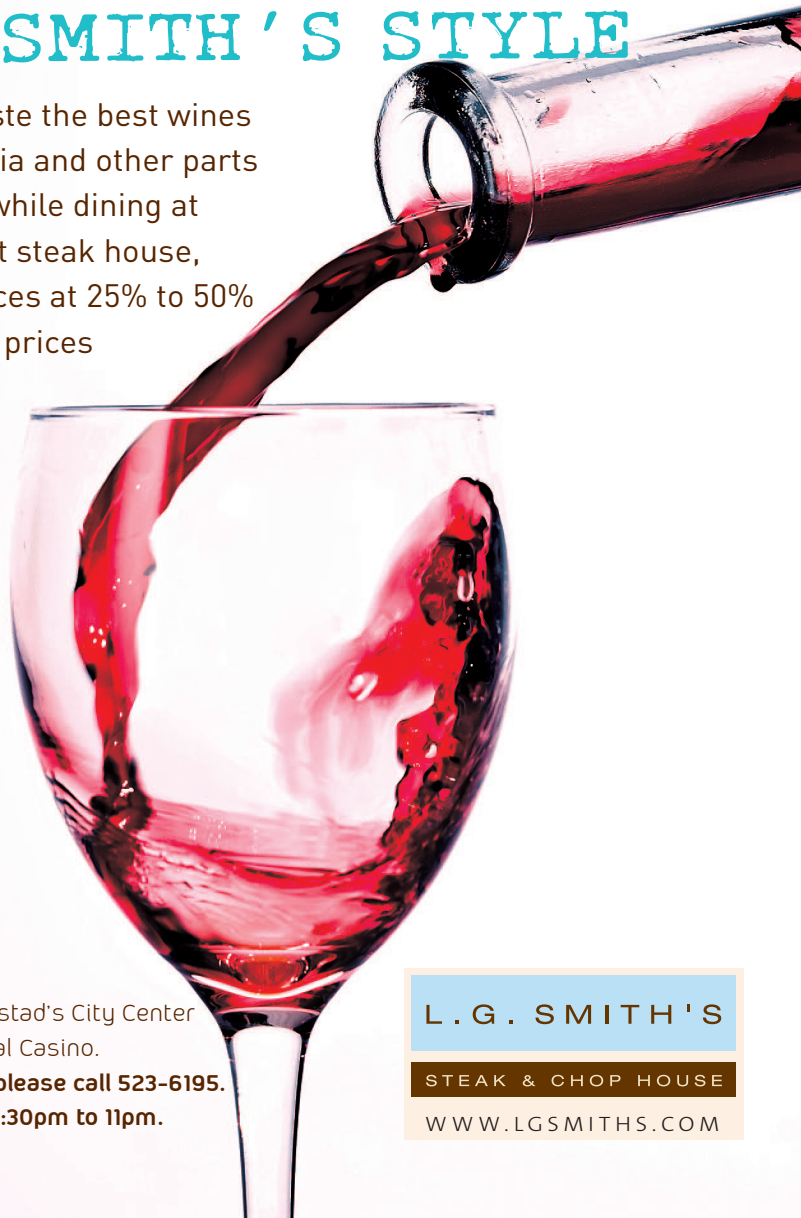
"I cannot see any benefit from this meeting," said Syrian Foreign Minister Walid al-Moallem, who stayed away from the meeting and sent instead Syria's envoy to the Arab League.

Lebanon boycotted the discussions altogether because of a dispute with Libya.

The two Hamas gunmen, killed in a raid in the West Bank city of Hebron, were involved in the shooting deaths of four Israelis near the city on Aug. 31, just as new Israeli-Palestinian peace talks were getting under way, the Israeli military said. □

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# Escape shaft nearly reaches Chile's trapped miners

MICHAEL WARREN  
Associated Press Writers

SAN JOSE MINE, Chile (AP) — Drillers neared the lower reaches of a gold and copper mine where 33 men have been trapped for more than two months, preparing Friday for a breakthrough that would unleash a national outpouring of joy.

Engineers were carving through the last 128 feet of rock, taking care to keep the T130 drill from jamming or punching through with too much force, Mining Minister Laurence Golborne said.

"We are very close," Golborne said. "It would be very complicated if after all the work we have done ... you lose the hole. We have to be very careful and do it in a controlled way."

The "Plan B" drill was poised to win a three-way race to reach the miners with a hole wide enough to accommodate their escape capsule. Two other drills, "Plan A" and "Plan C," had to slow down after repeatedly veering off course.

The breakthrough — to be heralded with a loud siren — was sure to be an emotional milestone in the tent city known as "Camp Hope." Expectations soared as word came that Chile's first lady, Cecilia Morel, would meet with the families.

"There's just a little bit left to go, a very little bit," said Cristina Nunez, anxious to see her husband, Claudio Yanez, and shivering in the bitter cold of the desert morning.

If the shaft's rock walls are found to be strong, the miners could be pulled out beginning

Tuesday. If not, rescuers will line the shaft at least partially with steel pipe, delaying the rescue for three to eight more days.

Nunez is among those who want rescuers to take no chances, and wait a few more days if necessary to pull them all out safely.

The T130 drill aimed at a workshop 2,047 feet below ground.

That's not as deep as where the miners happened to be gathered together, eating their midday meal, when 700,000 tons of rock collapsed Aug. 5. The mine runs like a corkscrew for more than four miles below a rocky hill in Chile's vast northern Atacama desert, and at any other time, some would probably have been crushed in the middle section.

Once the drilling is complete, a video camera will be lowered through the shaft, and the decision on whether or not to line the shaft will be made Saturday, Golborne said.

Both alternatives — going without a liner or putting in steel pipe — risk a disastrous setback, he said: "It's not a technical piece of cake."

President Sebastian Pinera announced that Bolivian President Evo Morales would join him for the rescue. One of the trapped miners is Bolivian.

The actual rescue is expected to take 48 hours as the miners are pulled out one by one, a made-for-TV spectacle that has drawn nearly 800 journalists to this isolated spot in the desert.

Chileans have rallied around this spare-no-expense rescue effort, and Pinera has surged

in popularity for his close management of the crisis.

"What started as a tragedy should end as a great blessing," he said, praising the rescue effort for strengthening Chileans' spirits.

He also said his administration "has acted as a government must in these kinds of situations," taking on complete responsibility once it became clear that the San Esteban mining company was incapable of handling the rescue. "And just as I said on that first day, we would do everything humanly possible to pull them out alive."

Sen. Isabel Allende said that "the battle isn't over," however.

"Chile is a country that is able to confront its challenges, but on the other hand it is a country that still has a long way to go," said Allende, the daughter of President Salvador Allende. "We must keep working for safety in the mines." □



A journalist looks at a banner with images of the 33 trapped miners at the San Jose Mine, Copiapo, Chile Friday, Oct. 8, 2010. Chile's mining minister says that just 130 feet, some 39 meters, remain before a drill breaks through to reach the chamber in the collapsed gold and copper mine where 33 trapped miners have waited more than two months to be rescued.

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Grammy nominee Issac Delgado

# Will showcase why he's among the top



Two weeks before the 4th Caribbean Sea Jazz Festival, held this weekend at Cas di Cultura, Issac Delgado received a Grammy nomination for his album L.O.V.E. A dream come true for organizer Erik Eman, who went to welcome the Cuba-born performer with the smooth, supple voice at the Radisson Resort, where he is staying together with his 12-men band. Once seated, the charming singer disclosed that he has already five nominations in his pocket, but these were for his jazz CD's. L.O.V.E. consists of a compilation of so-called 'standards', evergreens of put into a new, exciting, jazzy and sometimes salsa-ish jacket. "These are the Cuban songs that make our hearts sing," explains Issac, "the songs that everyone knows and loves where I come from." Now living in Miami, Delgado has not been back to Cuba as yet, although he has lots of

family members living there. He does, however, travel the world, making headlines in Europe, where Latin songs are hot, but also in Asia. "The people in Japan even know the words of my songs," he said with awe in his voice. His performances in Paradiso, Amsterdam, and at the Zomercarnaval of Rotterdam stand out in his mind: "I love Holland!" A household name in the

salsa music business, Issac Delgado's performance tonight should not be missed by anyone. Together with his 5-men brass section, 5-men bass/percussionists and two vocalists, his performance will contain many elements, all combined of the characteristics of the enticing, intricate music of Cuba. "We play with our hearts and souls," explains the singer, while touching his heart to stress his point. □









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# RED FLAG, an ECO ART initiative by Désirée Rep-Sporkslede



'Magnifying the powerful physical design of the flower stalk from the Aruban Cuquisa also known as the 'Sisal' or 'Tequila plant' by placing them in a triangle in red' is an artistic experiment of Desiree Rep-Sporkslede; Designed in 2009 the 'RED FLAG' was exhibited at the first GREEN CONFERENCE and science fair of last week, that hosted many intellectual speakers like Prof. dr. Wubbo J. Ockels and former vice President of the US, Al Gore: To photograph the Eco Art piece she recently placed it for one day in the middle of the Saliña dancing on soggy mudflats. Roos Productions by Rebecca Roos documented the environmental experience; 'I'm not letting go the deep idea that nature's should be 'undisturbed and pristine' Desiree says 'in fact

the message could be exactly that but Ecology of today tells us, that nature is under continuous observations, where disturbances are the norm, and humans play an integral role in ecosystems.' Visitors reacted very positively to the 30 feet-high Eco Art work that showcases 3 of the stems a plant that is unique in the whole plant world because of the special role they have played in the indigenous civilizations that goes back to 9000 years ago when people made materials and ate from the plant. 'It is organic material that has an expiration date, but it is the challenge you go for,' Desiree says, 'but there is always a possibility to work on an enhanced version that is permanent.'

Participating in the GREEN



CONFERENCE was Desiree's humble way to seek knowledge and find inspiration. I'm not a technowizard at all, but I do have interests in the future of my children, also I read that an increasing number of modern artists are exploring sites of science and that grabbed my attention as well she says. 'It was truly a brilliant experience to be among so many admirable speakers and guests'.

At the coffee table Desiree got to talk for a couple of minutes with Prof. dr. Wubbo J. Ockels, the famous Dutch physicist and astronaut, about Environmental Awareness through as in 'Combining Art and Technology to Promote Sustainability'. Being a true scientist he said that creating awareness through Art forms is even greater if you can link it to technology, like solar and wind energy in monumental art forms on walls, roofs, on ceilings and in places where it can be useful. Naturally there is a lot of money involved in these projects. But the professor feels that it is the price you have to pay for change. 'Indeed these forms of art have been done all over the world and the combination of these two worlds sounds like a great plan,' says Desiree. However on Aruba we are light years away from using innovative technologies in Artistic expressions. But who knows, the Professor might have inspired one of our upcoming genius artists to put science in to Art practice. Just like he did with the young students of University of Delft that helped building the 'Nuna' Dutch Solar Car using European space technology; These students admire him, but told Desiree he can be somewhat conceited. 'Well, he should be,' Desiree says



amused, 'because he's a very charismatic genius,' 'they say that 'climate change' paid him billions, but I truly feel he has put his intellect to the depth of his soul only to better the world.

For 10-10-10 Desiree encourages re-planting mangroves from the Ritz

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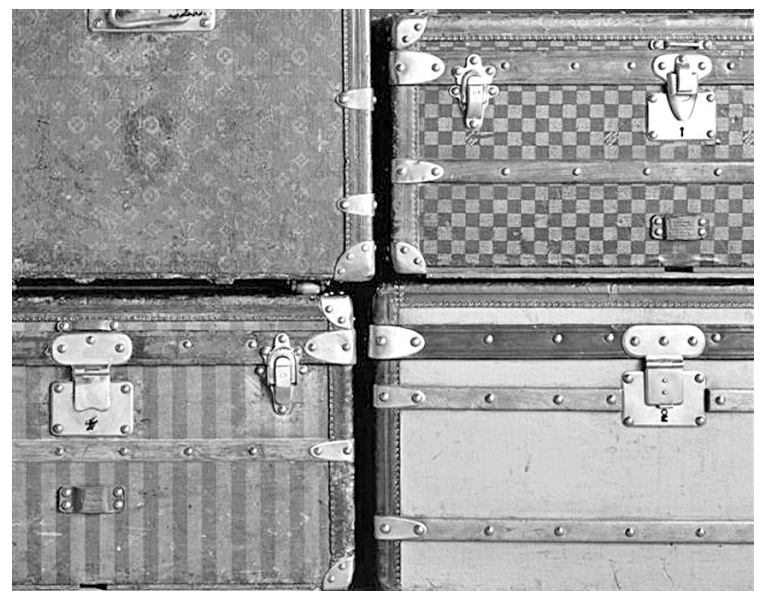
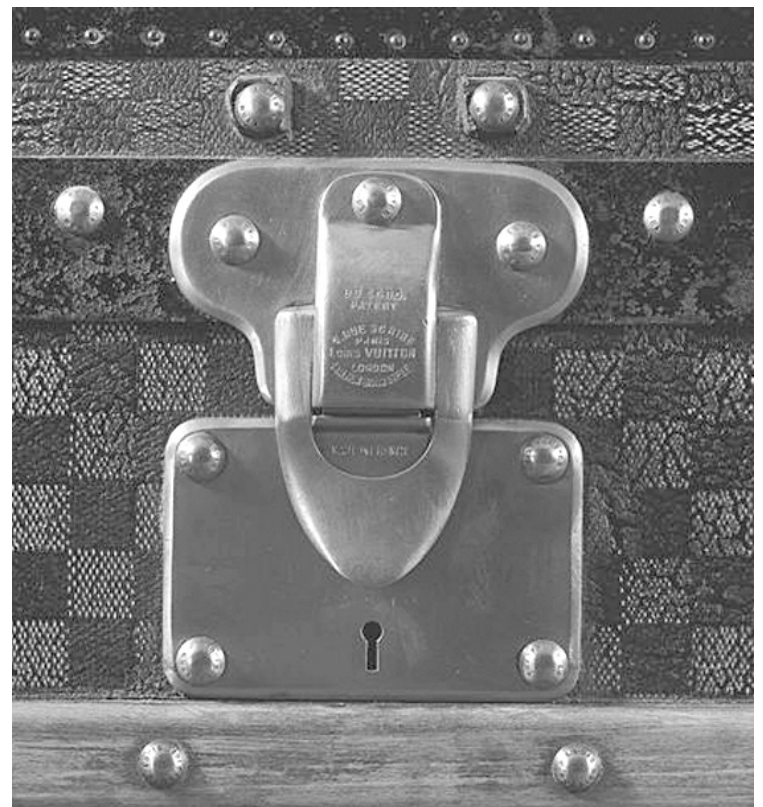
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*Our unsung heroes*

# Dedicated to David Webb; SARFA volunteer

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If you were in such distress, wouldn't you appreciate such a person who is willing to risk his or her life to help save yours? What a warm feeling must go through your heart when, you are drifting around helplessly in rough seas, when you see their rescue boat appear on the horizon, for you! The volunteers of Search and Rescue (SARFA) are such

people and they live among us. They and so many other volunteers are our unsung heroes.

On October 5th, 2010, during a routine mission to help collect lost materials of a boat accident from the day before, one of the SARFA volunteers got into trouble. His brother, the captain of the rescue boat, who was with him in the water at the time, managed to get him on the shore of one of our riff islands and administered CPR, regretfully, to no avail. One of Aruba's unsung heroes lost his life while doing what he loved most, helping others. I knew him personally.

I celebrate his humanitarian courage and I mourn his passing. My heartfelt condolences to all of David's relatives, family and friends.

To his co-volunteers of SARFA, I wish you strength. To all volunteers of Aruba, we have lost a good one; please remain careful out there. To the Aruban community, we have lost a jewel. To David Webb, the courageous, humble, unsung hero; you are my hero and thank you.

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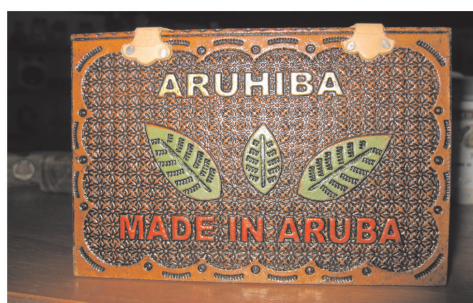
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By OSKAR GARCIA

Associated Press Writer

LAS VEGAS – A new season-long football pool at a Las Vegas casino is taking America's favorite gambling sport to new heights, with a \$100,000 buy-in and a \$490,000 top prize.

The NFL handicapping pool run by the M Resort cost \$10,000 more to enter than the average sale price of a Las Vegas condominium in August. Seven entrants — including some top prognosticators and a couple deep-pocketed amateurs — must pick the winners of five NFL games each week against the spread, with a point system tallying wins, ties and losses.

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San Francisco Giants starting pitcher Tim Lincecum pumps his fist after striking out Atlanta Braves' Derrek Lee for the final out of Game 1 of baseball's National League Division Series in San Francisco, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010.

*Associated Press*

## Lincecum whiffs 14 as Giants beat Braves 1-0 in Game 1

By JANIE McCAULEY

AP Baseball Writer

SAN FRANCISCO – The sellout crowd that had been waiting seven years for another playoff game roared when Tim Lincecum jogged back out to the mound to start the ninth inning.

The way the Freak dominated in his postseason debut, there was no way manager Bruce Bochy would take the ball away.

Lincecum pitched a two-hitter and struck out 14 in a dazzling performance, and the San Francisco Giants scored their only run after a questionable umpiring call to beat the Atlanta

Braves 1-0 in Game 1 of their NL division series Thursday night.

"That's one of the best efforts I've ever seen," Bochy said. "What a great job that kid did. He's tough. If he's on and he has all his pitches working, he's going to be tough." That he was.

The two-time NL Cy Young winner pitched a gem, a day after Philadelphia's Roy Halladay threw only the second no-hitter in postseason history in his first playoff game. Lincecum outdueled playoff veteran Derek Lowe and caught a break, too.

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## SKINS GAME

*Rookie leads Canes past Wild*

Carolina Hurricanes' Jeff Skinner, left, Jay Harrison, center, and Jussi Jokinen, right, react with Tuomo Ruutu, center left, after his game-tying goal, during an NHL regular season ice hockey game against Minnesota Wild, in Helsinki, Finland on Friday, Oct. 8, 2010.

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## MOSS WIN SITUATION

*NFL Preview*

Minnesota Vikings new wide receiver Randy Moss catches a pass during NFL football practice, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010 in Eden Prairie, Minn. Moss was traded Wednesday to the Vikings by the New England Patriots.

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# NFL looking into Favre allegations



In this Aug. 22, 2010, file photo, Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre, center, signals in the huddle in the first quarter of an NFL preseason football game against the San Francisco 49ers in San Francisco. Two 40-year-old future Hall of Famers in the twilight of their careers have found new energy in Minnesota. Brett Favre had the best season of his career last year with the Vikings, and Jim Thome is enjoying a renaissance year in his first season with the Twins.

*Associated Press*

**BARRY WILNER**

**AP Pro Football Writer**

FLORHAM PARK, New Jersey (AP) — The NFL is reviewing allegations involving Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre, who the website Deadspin says sent racy messages and photos to a former sideline reporter while he played for the New York Jets in 2008.

“We are reviewing the matter,” league spokesman Greg Aiello said Friday when asked about reports that a person alleged to be Favre sent voice mails and lewd pictures to Jenn Sterger.

Asked if he cared to respond to the Deadspin report, Favre said Thursday: “I’m not getting into that. I’ve got my hands full with the Jets and am trying to get some timing down with our guys, so that’s all I’m going to discuss.”

The Vikings and Jets play Monday night in New York.

Deadspin reported that a man alleged to be the 40-year-old Favre contacted Sterger on MySpace and began leaving her voicemails. The website posted a video of the voicemails and several graphic pictures allegedly sent to Sterger’s cell phone.

“Send me a text. Love to see you tonight,” one voicemail said.

The 26-year-old Sterger, now a TV personality for Versus, has a website that describes her as an actress, model, writer and television host. Sterger’s manager Phil Reese said she is “not doing any interviews or commenting at this time,” but that “Jenn did not provide Deadspin with any information.”

In an e-mail to The Associated Press, A.J. Daulerio, Deadspin’s editor in chief, declined to reveal the source of the material. He did say the source of the photos contacted him and that Deadspin paid for them.

Favre and his wife, Deanna, have been married 14 years. □



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## NFL Preview

# Randy Moss rejuvenates Vikings in time for Jets

BARRY WILNER  
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The return of receiver Randy Moss this week has recharged the Minnesota Vikings' faltering Super Bowl hopes and further spiced up Brett Favre's return to his old employer the New York Jets on Monday.

Moss spent his first seven seasons in Minnesota, emerging as the best deep threat in the NFL. He was traded to Oakland in 2005 and spent the last three seasons with the New England Patriots before being dealt back to the Vikings, where he was warmly embraced.

Vikings quarterback Favre has struggled with only two touchdowns and six interceptions since his favorite target, Sidney Rice, had hip surgery in August. He has long hoped to play with Moss, and now he has a receiver that will help an offense sorely in need of a complement to running back Adrian Peterson.

Moss said he thinks it's "going to be a fun ride."

"I'd be kidding if I said I wasn't excited about the opportunity and thought of playing with Randy," Favre said. "I'm speaking for every quarterback, how could you not be excited about playing with a player who has been dominant throughout his career?"

Moss caught 50 touchdowns in 52 games with the Patriots,

but wanted a new deal in this final year of a three-year, \$27 million contract, and complained about not feeling wanted. After going without a catch last Monday against Miami, Moss was dealt to the Vikings.

Favre came out of his first retirement and revitalized the Jets for one season — in 2008 — and made the image-lacking team relevant again until he tore his biceps late that season. His decision after that season to retire again — albeit briefly — cleared the way for the Jets to draft Mark Sanchez, and they'll finally meet at New Meadowlands Stadium.

The Jets would love to have cornerback Darrelle Revis back in time to defend Moss. Revis strained his left hamstring while covering Moss, then with New England, on a touchdown catch in Week 2 and hasn't played since.

The Jets know Santonio Holmes will be, finally adding the former Super Bowl MVP to an offense that has looked impressive lately without him. Holmes missed the first four games of the season for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy.

The Jets have swept three games against division rivals New England, Miami and Buffalo and can truly back up their boastful ways by beating Minnesota.

Things could start getting sorted out in the NFC East on Sunday as all four

teams in the league's most disappointing group play non-divisional games.

It's stunning how this usually powerful division has been so mediocre. The Dallas Cowboys are the biggest flop with one win in four games, but neither do the Washington Redskins, New York Giants and Philadelphia Eagles have winning records.

Washington has the early edge thanks to wins over Philadelphia and Dallas. The Giants don't play a divisional game until Oct. 25.

Outside of the NFC East, New York has a win over weak Carolina and a 10-sack demolition of the Chicago Bears, but looked awful in losses to Indianapolis and Tennessee. Those same Bears romped at Dallas, and Green Bay manhandled the Eagles in Philly. The Redskins blew a big lead against Houston and also fell to St. Louis — which might not be so embarrassing now that the Rams are tied atop the NFC West, which also is a train wreck.

Dallas hosts Tennessee on Sunday, while Washington is home for Green Bay, Philadelphia is at San Francisco, and the Giants are at Houston.

It's hardly surprising there's an undefeated team in the matchup between the Kansas City Chiefs and the Indianapolis Colts. It's just shocking that the Chiefs are the league's only unbeaten



Minnesota Vikings quarterback Brett Favre, left, throws to wide receiver Randy Moss during NFL football practice, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010 in Eden Prairie, Minn. Moss was traded Wednesday to the Vikings by the New England Patriots.

Associated Press

team. Kansas City's doing it with a strong running game led by Jamaal Charles and Thomas Jones, and a vastly improved run defense.

Beating the Colts would stamp the Chiefs as legitimate contenders, even if Indy is battered on both sides of the ball, particularly in the secondary. Peyton Manning is off to one of the best starts of his illustrious career with 11 touchdown passes and one interception. But the Colts have a 2-2 record even though they have the top three receivers in their conference.

"We're going to need all the tips we can get to conquer this one," Chiefs

linebacker Derrick Johnson said. "Peyton's the best quarterback in the league." Elsewhere on Sunday, it's New Orleans at Arizona, St. Louis at Detroit, San Diego at Oakland, Chicago at Carolina, Denver at Baltimore, Atlanta at Cleveland, Tampa Bay at Cincinnati, and Jacksonville at Buffalo.

Off this week are Miami, New England, Seattle and Pittsburgh. □





**LINCECUM**

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Cody Ross singled in the only run Lincecum needed in the fourth after Buster Posey was called safe by umpire Paul Emmel on a steal of second.

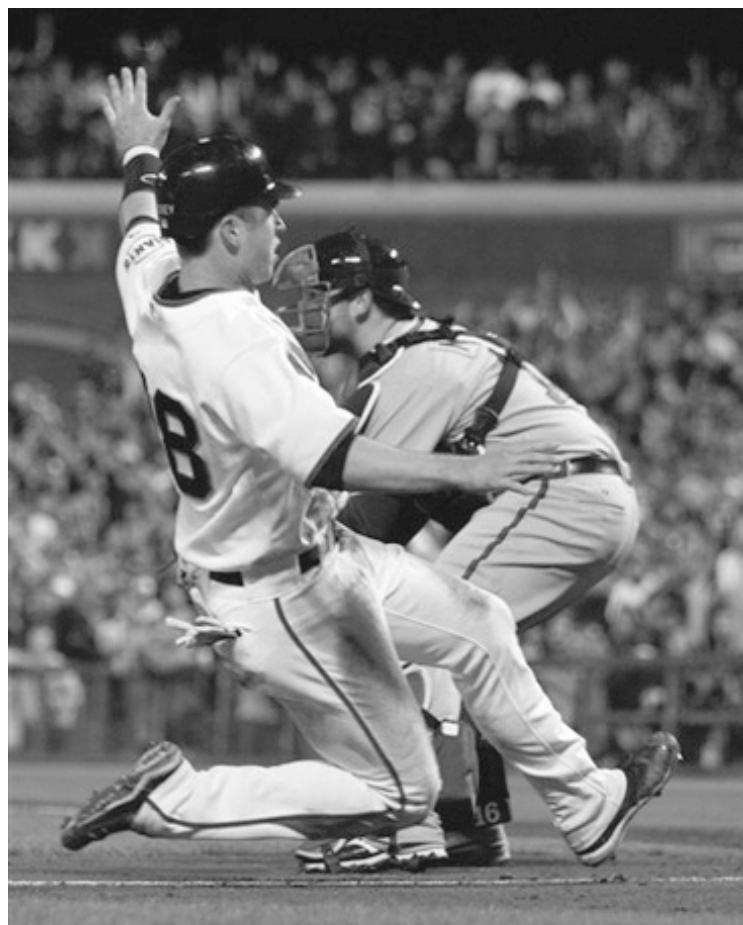
“I guess it’s a good thing we don’t have instant replay right now,” Posey said. “It was a beautiful slide, wasn’t it?”

It was the first career steal for Posey, even though he appeared to be tagged out by Brooks Conrad on the play — retiring Braves manager Bobby Cox, the all-time leader in ejections, did not argue.

“I haven’t seen it,” Cox said. “Some of the guys came down after that inning and said he was out by six, eight inches. From the dugout you can’t see anything.”

Said Emmel: “I saw him safe. That’s what I called.”

Lincecum struck out Derrek Lee for the third time to end the 119-pitch masterpiece in 2 hours, 26 minutes. He became just the 12th pitcher with 14 or more strikeouts in



**San Francisco Giants catcher Buster Posey scores a run as Atlanta Braves catcher Brian McCann awaits the throw during the fourth inning of Game 1 of baseball’s National League Division Series in San Francisco, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2010.**

*Associated Press*

a postseason game.

“As far as shutouts go, I think that was up there with my better

ones,” said Lincecum, who pitched on seven days’ rest. “I was pretty anxious to get out there a couple days ago. You just have to deal with those extra days.”

While it used to be slugger Barry Bonds as the face of the franchise, now it’s the skinny, shaggy-haired Lincecum.

This is the quirky pitcher with the unorthodox delivery who doesn’t ice his arm, munches on treats like Philly cheesesteaks or ice cream before starts and is trailed around the clubhouse by his friendly French bulldog, Cy — named for Cy Young.

In a postseason already filled with plenty of stellar pitching, this was the first 1-0 game in the postseason since 2005, when the Chicago White Sox finished off a World Series sweep over Houston.

Game 2 of the best-of-five series is Friday night, with 13-game winner Matt Cain going for the Giants against Tommy Hanson. Lincecum’s only other complete game

this season came in a six-hit shutout of the New York Mets on July 15. He threw all his pitches effectively, from his off-speed stuff that darted down into the dirt to his power fastball that he blew past hitters high in the zone. Lincecum carried the momentum from a strong final month right into October. His strikeouts set a franchise record for a postseason game — his eighth time with 10 or more Ks this year and 27th of his career. “He was lights out,” Cox said. “We had two runners at second base all night and that’s it.”

Lowe, who won his last five regular-season starts with a 1.17 ERA over that stretch, allowed one run on four hits in 5 1-3 innings, struck out six and walked four.

Lincecum, still hitting 91 mph on the radar gun in the ninth, became the first pitcher to record 12 strikeouts or more in the playoffs since Roger Clemens had 15 for the New York Yankees against Seattle in the 2000 AL championship series. Lowe was done after giving up Posey’s double and a walk in the sixth. That delighted the orange towel-waving crowd of 43,936 at AT&T Park — the largest for a postseason game in the ballpark’s 11-year history.

Making his playoff debut at age 26 and in his third full major league season, Lincecum looked every bit an ace. He was sharp throughout, walking only one, and in no way resembled the pitcher whose career-worst five-start losing streak began with a defeat Aug. 5 at Atlanta.

“He struggled so much in August,” first baseman Aubrey Huff said. “To be able to do what he’s done is a testament to the kid. It was the first time he’s really struggled and he came back and manned up.”

Lincecum has returned to his Cy Young form after that rare rough patch. He has a 1.60 ERA since Sept. 1, going 6-1 with 66 strikeouts.

“At the time guys were telling me you’re going to go through your struggles,” Lincecum said. “It almost kind of feels it was that far back there, I try not to go back there and think about that mental slide.”



**Winner Russ Cochran of the United States watches his tee shot during the final round of the Posco E&C Songdo Championship at the Jack Nicklaus Golf Club in Incheon, west of Seoul, South Korea, Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010. Cochran won the championship on Sunday for his first Champions Tour victory, making a birdie on the opening hole of a playoff with Fred Funk in the 50-and-over circuit’s first event in Asia.**

*Associated Press*

POTOMAC, Maryland (AP) — Buoyed by birdies on the first five holes, Russ Cochran shot a course-record 6-under 64 to take a one-shot lead at the Senior Players Championship on Friday. Cochran is at 6 under for the tournament and is trying for his third win in his past four events on the Champions Tour. Cochran, who will turn 52 at the end of this month, is also trying for his first major victory at TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm.

“We got it going early and then like you do a lot of times, you kind of hold on for dear life after that,” Cochran said. “But

the start was great.”

Michael Allen remains second at 5 under after a second-round 67, and Mark O’Meara shot another 68 to stand alone at 4 under. First-round leader Tom Kite followed his first-round 67 with an even-par 70, leaving him tied with Jeff Sluman.

“The golf course is very difficult, and if you can play the weekend under par, you’re going to be in very good shape,” Sluman said after his second-round 67. “That’s what you work for.” Loren Roberts and Jay Don Blake were five shots off the pace, while Mike Goodes and Joe Ozaki

## Cochran takes second-round lead at Senior Players

were tied for eighth, six shots behind. Champions Tour points leader Bernhard Langer shot 73, while rival Fred Couples withdrew from the tournament due to a back ailment.

Cochran, who had a long, workmanlike career on the PGA Tour, has broken through over the last month on the Champions Tour with wins at the Songdo Championship and the SAS Championship, a surge he credits to becoming a more aggressive player.

On Friday, Cochran put that practice in motion. Starting on the back nine, he attacked friendly pin placements and quickly established himself at the top of the leaderboard.

“We kind of decided today we were going to be a little more aggressive if we could because there’s not that many great bailouts,” Cochran said. “So we hit it pretty much at the flag. The more times you feel like you can step up and at least make that aggressive swing and try to stay with your line, I feel better about myself and my game.” After his hot start, Cochran added a birdie

at No. 2 and then took what the course gave him to finish his solid round.

“I’ve been streaky this year — it allows me to be a little more patient throughout the rest of the round,” Cochran said.

Sluman, who has played with Cochran for 20 years on both the PGA and Champions tours, has not been surprised at his friend’s recent resurgence.

“He’s playing with a lot of confidence and he’s freewheeling it out there,” Sluman said. “I don’t think a lot of people realize what kind of player he was. I knew right from the get-go how talented he was.” Allen kept pace with Cochran for most of the day before a bogey at No. 7 dropped him into second place, where he hopes to make a move during the weekend play against a top five that boasts four major championship winners.

“It will be fun to go out and play those guys the next few days,” said Allen, who won the 2009 Senior PGA Championship. “It’s a challenging course and you can’t just get away with cheaping it around here.”



NHL Roundup

# Rookie Jeff Skinner leads Hurricanes past Wild 2-1

HELSINKI – Rookie Jeff Skinner scored the only goal of the shootout and Cam Ward was strong in goal, leading the Carolina Hurricanes past the Minnesota Wild 2-1 Friday for a sweep of the two season-opening games in Finland.

Skinner, an 18-year-old forward, also set up Carolina's first goal from Tuomo Ruutu, which tied the game two minutes into the second period. The Wild opened the scoring 17 minutes into the first period on Andrew Brunette's goal. Ward made 41 saves for Carolina, stopping Mikko Koivu, Brent Burns and Antti Miettinen in the shootout to preserve the

victory.

"This was my second game, and a great way to finish that off," Skinner said. "First, I was looking to shoot, but the puck was rolling on me and I tried to settle it down. It sort of opened up for me then."

"It's pretty big," he added. "It has not really sunk in yet. So far I have a lot of memories from my first two games."

The game was played before a sellout crowd of 13,465 and was more confrontational than Thursday night's 4-3 victory by Carolina. There were two early fights and a nasty one between the Wild's Eric Nystrom and Tom Kostopoulos of the Hurricanes.

Minnesota captain Mikko Koivu was a force in the offensive end. His shot led to Brunette's opening goal off a rebound at 17:23 of the first period.

One key for Carolina was its short-handed play for 5 1/2 minutes during the second period, which featured a 30-second stretch in which it was two men short. Another was the goaltending of Ward, who was unruffled by crowding in the crease and covered every point-blank shot.

Minnesota had chances late in the game. Martin Havlat failed to score on two breakaways, the puck gliding almost along the goal line on the second try in overtime.



Carolina Hurricanes' Jeff Skinner skates past Minnesota Wild's goalie Niklas Bäckström, during an NHL regular season ice hockey game, in Helsinki, Finland on Friday, Oct. 8, 2010.

Associated Press

On the basis of two games, Skinner, with well-timed forays to the net, could stick around for Carolina.

The team has seven games to decide whether to keep him or return him to the juniors.

"I'll work hard and take each game as it comes and be better every day," he said. He was a little intimidated by stepping into the NHL atmosphere at just 18 years old.

"But more by my first practice with guys like Cam

Ward and Eric Staal than by the level of play itself. It was cool to be there with them. Just now I feel pretty comfortable," he said. "I got two great players, Jussi Jokinen and Tuomo Ruutu, who make the game a lot easier for me."

**On NHL's opening night games it was Carolina 4, Minnesota 3; Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 2; Toronto 3, Montreal 2; Colorado 4, Chicago 3, OT; and Edmonton 4, Calgary 0.**

# Mika Miyazato shoots 63 for share of lead

PRATTVILLE, Ala. – Japan's Mika Miyazato shot a 9-under 63 on Friday for a share of the second-round lead in the Navistar LPGA Classic with Na Yeon Choi and Cristie Kerr.

Winless in 40 career LPGA Tour starts, the 20-year-old Miyazato had five straight birdies on the front nine and four in a row on the back nine in her bogey-free round that matched the course record on the links-style Senator layout at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail's Capitol Hill complex. "Everything was going inside my zone," Miyazato said through a translator. "Everything was going the way that I wanted it to." Choi shot a 64, and Kerr had a 67 to match Miyazato at 12 under.

"I think I played better (on Thursday), but I did some other things better today," said Kerr, the first-round leader after a 65. □



Mika Miyazato of Japan, waves after completing the ninth hole during second round play in the Navistar LPGA Classic golf tournament at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail Senator course, Friday, Oct. 8, 2010, in Prattville, Ala.

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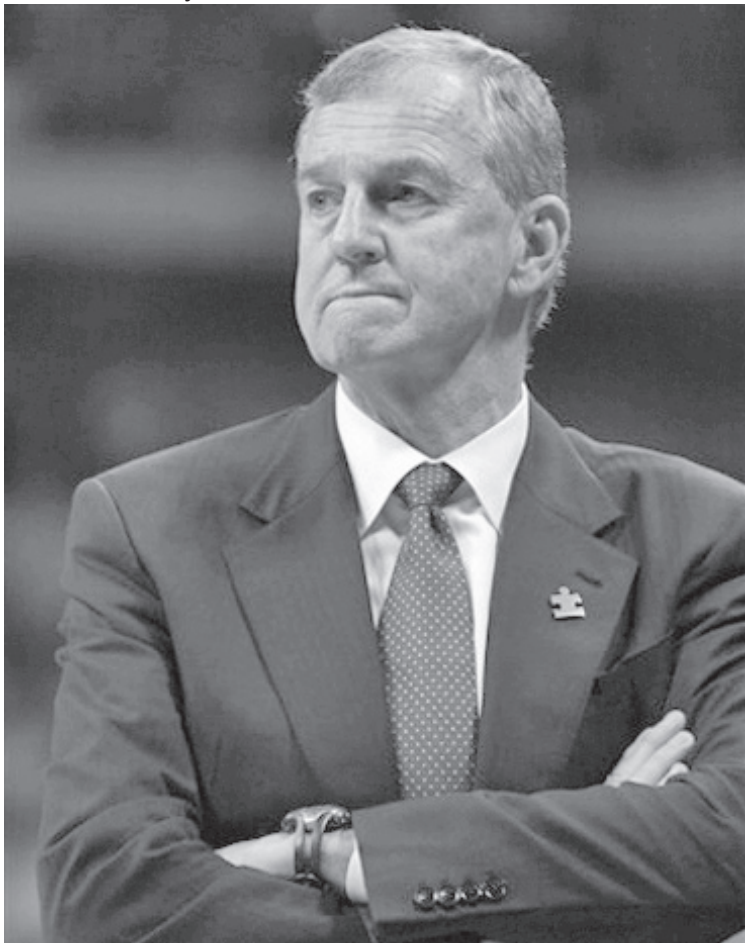
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# Connecticut admits violations in men's basketball program

In this March 7, 2009, file photo, Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun reacts during the second half of an NCAA college basketball game against Pittsburgh in Pittsburgh.

Associated Press

By PAT EATON-ROBB

Associated Press Writer

HARTFORD, Conn. — The University of Connecticut has admitted its men's basketball program committed major NCAA recruiting violations and has imposed its own sanctions, including two years' probation and a loss of one scholarship for the next two seasons.

But the university says the evidence does not support the NCAA allegation that coach Jim Calhoun — who has won two national titles with the Huskies — failed to promote an atmosphere for compliance.

In a report released Friday, the school acknowledges its basketball staff made impermissible telephone calls and text messages as cited by the NCAA in a May report that followed a 15-month investigation. It also admits it improperly provided free game tickets to high school coaches and others.

A hearing is set for Oct. 15 before the NCAA infractions committee, which could accept UConn's decision or impose additional penalties.

"I am deeply disappointed the university is in this position," University of Connecticut President Philip E. Austin said in a statement.

"It is clear mistakes have been made. This is a serious matter, and we have worked in full cooperation with the NCAA. We look forward to fully resolving these issues and restoring our men's basketball program to a level of unquestioned integrity."

The allegations stem from the recruitment of former player Nate Miles, who was expelled from UConn in October 2008 without ever playing a game for the Huskies. He was charged with violating a restraining order in a case involving a woman who

claimed he assaulted her.

The NCAA and the school have been investigating the program since shortly after a report by Yahoo! Sports in March 2009 that former team manager Josh Nochimson helped guide Miles to Connecticut, giving him lodging, transportation, meals and representation.

As a former team manager, Nochimson is considered a representative of UConn's athletic interests by the NCAA and prohibited from having contact with Miles or giving him anything of value.

The school said it found that the basketball staff exchanged more than 1,400 calls and 1,100 text messages with Nochimson between June 2005 and December 2008.

The school's responses to the allegations, totaling more than 700 pages, were given to the NCAA on Sept. 7, but made public Friday after the school redacted items to comply with federal education privacy laws. Calhoun said in his own response that he investigated whether there was an improper relationship between Nochimson and the recruit, and warned the player against getting involved with Nochimson.

"If a prospect and an agent are going to engage in conduct violative of NCAA legislation hundreds and thousands of miles away from campus, there is only so much a head coach can do to prevent the conduct," his attorney wrote.

The school sided with Calhoun saying it does not agree that he "failed to promote an atmosphere of compliance," because he took steps to deter the recruit's relationship with Nochimson and did not know that Nochimson provided any benefits. "The university believes that (Calhoun) has made it a priority to work hard and within the rules and that he has encouraged compliance with student-athletes, fellow coaches, university personnel and members of the community," the school wrote in its response.

The school said improper calls were made to fewer

than 10 recruits and found that Calhoun made only two improper calls.

Neither Nochimson nor Miles cooperated in the NCAA and school investigations.

Calhoun's response also said he was not involved with the vast majority of the improper benefits, did not know they were being provided and "made reasonable efforts" to try to avoid the situation.

"Calhoun understands his obligation to monitor his staff and to report his knowledge of potential violations," wrote his attorney, Scott Tompsett.

The coach also questioned why he was singled out by investigators, when neither athletic director Jeff Hathaway nor the UConn compliance staff is "even referenced in the (allegations), much less charged with a major violation and put at risk for an individual penalty."

In 1996, UConn was stripped of its NCAA tournament run to the regional semifinals and ordered to return \$90,970 in tournament revenue because two players accepted plane tickets from a sports agent.

But this is the first time the program has received a letter from the NCAA accusing the school of major violations. The case has no impact on the other athletic programs at UConn, such as its national champion women's basketball team. In the May report, UConn was cited as an institution for not adequately monitoring "the conduct and administration of the men's basketball staff." The school acknowledged that violation, but said the NCAA has agreed to reduce the time period for that violation from four years to two, spanning 2007-09.

Among the allegations against UConn is that staff members Beau Archibald and Patrick Sellers provided false and misleading information to NCAA investigators. Sellers, an assistant coach, and Archibald, who served as director of basketball operations, have resigned. They also filed their own responses to the NCAA. □



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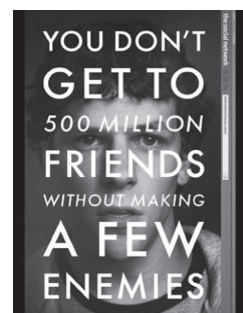
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# Jets' Tomlinson looking like old, electrifying LT

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FLORHAM PARK, New Jersey (AP) — LaDainian Tomlinson stood in front of his teammates on the New York Jets' offense and spoke passionately about hard work, dedication and the desire to be No. 1.

It got everyone in the room fired up — including coach Rex Ryan, who knows a thing or two about motivational speeches.

So, after the running back was done, Ryan had him walk down the hall to deliver the same message to the defense.

"It was powerful listening to a guy that's worked his entire career and came here, dedicated himself to his teammates and he's chasing the same thing everyone else is," Ryan said. "It was from the heart and it really meant something to everybody."

The 31-year-old Tomlinson has all the accolades and awards any player could want — except a Super



New York Jets running back LaDainian Tomlinson (21) runs for a touchdown past Buffalo Bills defenders Donte Whitner (20), Jairus Byrd (31) and Drayton Florence during the second half of an NFL football game in Orchard Park, N.Y., Sunday, Oct. 3, 2010. The Jets won 38-14.

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Bowl title. That's one of the main reasons the seventh-leading rusher in NFL history decided to come to New York after nine pro seasons.

This, he believes, can be the chance he has been waiting for since bursting into the

league with the San Diego Chargers in 2001.

"I think this team has the opportunity, really and truly, more than any other team," he said, "to win a championship."

That's why Tomlinson felt the need to remind everyone of the big picture and what they need to get there. He's got a copy of Vince Lombardi's "What It Takes to Be No. 1" speech hanging in his home, and Tomlinson shared it with his teammates and coaches.

"I stood in front of the guys and said, 'Guys, we talk about being No. 1, we hear our coach talk about some of these things. This is something Vince Lombardi talked about years ago,'" he recalled. "So, if we want to be No. 1, these are the things it's going to take." That was pretty much the gist of the conversation.

Healthy and happy, Tomlinson is doing his part, to help put the Jets on the right path. They've won three of their first four games. With every big run, flashing the same scintillating moves that made him one of the league's

most exciting players, he's proving wrong the doubters who said he had nothing left.

"This is a challenge to me," he said, "and I'm going to step up to it."

When Tomlinson signed with the Jets in the offseason, it was believed he would be a complementary part of the offense. He has been so much more, leading the team with 341 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Tomlinson is also tied for second with 12 catches for 82 yards.

"They're inspired by watching him play," Ryan said. "It's hard not to be." His presence has been felt off the field, too, quickly establishing himself as a team leader.

"I just remember having dinner and hanging with him," quarterback Mark Sanchez said. "I was like, 'Man, this guy, I feel like I've known him for 10 years.' He's that kind of person and someone you want on your team. We're pretty lucky."

Despite everything he accomplished in nine seasons with the Chargers,

Tomlinson had only two teams pursue him in the offseason: The Jets and Minnesota Vikings.

"It was never really close," Tomlinson said. "Obviously, my wife had a lot to do with it, I'm just being honest with you."

His wife was equally blunt, telling him: "I don't want to go to Minnesota."

There was more to it, of course. He got the sense the Vikings needed someone to fill the role of the departed Chester Taylor as Adrian Peterson's backup. With the Jets, he said Ryan told him he would get the opportunity to play — no defined role. He also had a previous relationship with Jets offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer, who was a coach with the Chargers from 2002-05.

Tomlinson gets a chance to show the Vikings — and everyone else who wouldn't give him a shot in the offseason — what they're missing on Monday.

"I know they made a play to get him here and it makes a lot of sense," Vikings quarterback Brett Favre said.

"He's running the ball great, but he's probably even more of a threat catching the ball out of the backfield. I have seen no decline, not one bit."

Tomlinson was selected as the offensive player of the week after running for 133 yards and two touchdowns in the 38-14 win last Sunday over the Buffalo Bills. On his 26-yard scoring run, he nearly shook Bills safety Donte Whitner out of his shoes — flashing some vintage moves.

"It was gratifying because all of those things just build confidence for me when things like that happen," he said with a smile. "But, honestly, I knew it was there. It was about having the opportunity to do it." □

## FOOTBALL POOL

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In the M Resort contest, second place brings \$140,000, and third place gets \$70,000.

The stakes might make most people cringe, but big-time gamblers have put up much more betting on all aspects of games.

The late Vegas casino developer Bob Stupak, for example, once bet \$1 million on the Super Bowl and won, taking the Cincinnati Bengals in 1989.

Mike Colbert, race and sports director for Cantor Gaming, which runs the M Resort's sports book, said risk is what the high stakes pigskin pool was designed for.

"I don't think it's a contest for the average guy," Colbert said. "You're not dealing with anyone in this contest with less than a seven-figure bankroll."

Later in the season, Fezzik said he'll likely make moves based on his standings and what he thinks his opponents will do. To pick games, he spends a couple nights each week poring over any information he can get and comparing opinions with other gamblers he trusts.

After four weeks, Fezzik is in the middle of the pack at 11-9, among three entrants two games behind two opponents who share the lead, Colbert said.

Despite professionals hawking picks they say are 70 percent winners, Fezzik said it's incredibly hard to pick better than 57 percent against the spread over an entire year.

"People are asking me, 'You know, what's the best advice with these contests,'" he said. "And I would say play really well and just get obscenely lucky." □



# Djokovic, Wozniacki through to China Open semis

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Associated Press Writer

BEIJING (AP) — Top seeds Novak Djokovic and Caroline Wozniacki powered into the China Open semifinals on Friday, while Chinese favorite Li Na earned her best result in her home tournament.

Second-seeded Andy Murray, meanwhile, lost to Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia 6-3, 6-2.

Defending champion Djokovic, ranked No. 2, fended off all seven break points he faced while breaking Gilles Simon three times on his way to winning 6-3, 6-2. It's the fifth straight time he's beaten the Frenchman.

"I'm very happy that my serve is getting better and better, and hopefully I'm going to use it more and more," Djokovic said.

The U.S. Open runner-up is enjoying a surge in form, crediting his semifinals appearance at Wimbledon with providing a boost in confidence.

Looking for his second title of the year, Djokovic will meet American qualifier John Isner, who upset fourth-seeded Nikolay Davydenko 7-6 (4), 6-4, serving 18 aces to the Russian's one.

Djokovic beat Isner in their

only previous match in March, but it took the Serb more than four hours and six match points to top Isner in the Davis Cup.

Murray, playing his first tournament since the U.S. Open, never threatened Ljubicic, failing to produce a single break point while being broken three times. Ljubicic fired 12 aces, including four in a row to win the sixth game of the second set.

"I just didn't hit the ball that well and made quite a few mistakes," Murray said. "If you're playing against someone who is serving well and you make a lot of mistakes on your own service game, it puts a bit more pressure on you, so that was probably it."

Ljubicic will line up against eighth-seeded David Ferrer in the other semifinal after the Spaniard surprised third-seeded Robin Soderling of Sweden 6-2, 6-4.

Wozniacki, to be crowned No. 1 for the first time on Monday, overcame a painful knee injury in the second set to beat former No. 1 Ana Ivanovic 7-6 (1), 6-3.

With her knee heavily taped, Wozniacki returned to the court at 3-1 in the second set and endured a late charge by



In this photo released by China's Xinhua News Agency, Caroline Wozniacki of Denmark reacts after she got injured during the women's singles quarterfinal match against Ana Ivanovic of Serbia at the China Open tennis tournament in Beijing Friday, Oct. 8, 2010. Wozniacki won the match 2-0.

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Ivanovic to beat the Serb for the first time.

Although painful, the injury didn't appear serious, Wozniacki said after the match.

"I don't think it's too serious so hopefully I'll be OK, but definitely it was a bit of a scare," she said.

Ivanovic double-faulted nine times and broke the Dane twice, but Wozniacki applied

more pressure and nailed three of 11 break opportunities.

Despite her new status, it was just another day on the court, Wozniacki said.

"Of course it felt great to wake up this morning as world No. 1, but out on the court it didn't feel different. I knew it was going to be a tough match," she said.

Wozniacki next faces Israeli Shahar Peer, who ground

out a 7-6 (4), 6-4 win against Switzerland's Timea Bacsinszky.

Li gave the Chinese crowd something to celebrate with a hard-fought 7-6 (8), 6-3 victory against Latvian qualifier Anastasija Sevastova to reach the tournament's semifinals for the first time.

The world No. 15 struggled against her 55th-ranked opponent in the first set. In the second, Li looked set to win at 5-2, but Sevastova broke her serve to stay in the game. Undeterred, Li promptly broke back for the win, eliciting a huge cheer from the home crowd at the Beijing Tennis Center.

"I wasn't at all familiar with this opponent," Li said. "You see out on the court I was playing a little tight."

Next up for Li is second-seeded Vera Zvonareva, who made easy work of French Open champion Francesca Schiavone 6-0, 6-2.

That was one game better than the world No. 4 won against the Italian on the same court a year ago. Zvonareva improved to 10-0 against Schiavone in a match that lasted just 54 minutes.

"Not the match you expect from a Grand Slam winner," Zvonareva said. "I was really happy with the way I played and didn't really give her a chance." □

## Nadal advances, Monfils ousts Roddick in Tokyo

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TOKYO (AP) — Top-ranked Rafael Nadal rushed through his Japan Open quarterfinal to watch some football while second-seeded Andy Roddick was ousted by Gael Monfils in a three-hour nail-biter on Friday.

Nadal overwhelmed Russia's Dmitry Tursunov 6-4, 6-1 to reserve a semifinals spot. Tursunov, a six-time winner on tour, reached his first quarterfinals on tour this week since he returned to the tour in May following two ankle surgeries.

Nadal said he was hoping to finish up early so he could have a quiet dinner and then watch the football friendly between Japan and Argentina.

But he said he was not ready yet to start thinking about winning his first title in Japan.

"It was a very nice atmosphere," he said. "But I still have hard matches ahead."

Viktor Troicki spared Nadal from meeting Guillermo Garcia-Lopez — who beat Nadal en route to the Bangkok title last week — by defeating the Spaniard 6-2, 3-6, 6-4. Troicki, who served 14 aces, has yet to beat Nadal.

Monfils outlasted Roddick 7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-6 (6) in a nearly three-hour-long match that was won on big serves and well-placed returns. Roddick converted his only break chance in three to win the second set, and it was the only break of the match. Monfils



Rafael Nadal of Spain returns a backhand shot against Russia's Dmitry Tursunov during their men's singles match at the Japan Open tennis championships in Tokyo, Japan, Friday, Oct. 8, 2010. Top-ranked Nadal defeated Tursunov 6-4, 6-1 to reserve a semifinals spot.

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missed all 10 of his break chances, needing to edge 10th-ranked Roddick in tiebreakers.

Monfils, ranked 15th and seeded 5th, said he tried to play an aggressive game and push the power-serving Roddick by going to the net and concentrating on placing his return shots.

"He has a good first serve, so I focused on my returns," Monfils said. "I came to the net more often than usual. I knew I could beat him." □



# US parents want better privacy protections for kids: survey

WASHINGTON — When it comes to protecting the privacy of their children, US parents give social networks a failing grade.

Three out of four parents polled by Zogby International believe social networks are not doing a good job of protecting kids' online privacy.

The survey was conducted for Common Sense Media, a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping families navigate the world of media and technology.

Ninety-two percent of parents said they are concerned that children share too much information online, and 85 percent said they are more concerned about online privacy than they were five years ago.

The poll found a great deal of concern about geo-location services which pinpoint someone's whereabouts.

Ninety-one percent of parents said search engines and social networking sites should not be able to share the physical

location of children with other companies until parents give authorization.

"The poll results present a clear divide between the industry's view of privacy and the opinion of parents and kids," Common Sense Media chief executive and founder James Steyer said.

"American families are deeply worried about how their personal information is being used by technology and online companies, yet the companies appear to be keeping their heads deep in the sand," Steyer said.

Technology companies need to step up but parents, children, schools and government also need to do more, he said.

"Parents and kids have to educate themselves about how to protect their information," he said.

"Schools should teach all students and their parents about privacy protection.

"And finally, policymakers have to update privacy policies for the 21st century," he said.

According to the Zogby poll, more than 60 percent of parents want the US Congress to update online privacy laws for children and teenagers.

"Parents want far more education and leadership about online privacy, and they clearly want the industry and the federal government to update privacy policies," Steyer said.

"There are some common sense solutions to these problems, such as 'opt-in' policies that require companies to let parents know how information will be used before it's collected and requiring companies to use short and simple privacy policies instead of confusing and dense policies," he said.

Steyer, Deputy Education Secretary Anthony Miller, Federal Trade Commission chairman Jon Leibowitz and Federal Communications Commission chairman Julius Genachowski launched a "Protect Our Privacy - Protect Our Kids" campaign aimed at protecting the personal



A man browses the internet on April 2010 in Fort Worth, Texas. Three out of four parents polled by Zogby International believe social networks are not doing a good job of protecting kids' online privacy.

information and reputations of children online.

The campaign includes consumer tips, information, and videos and a privacy curriculum for teachers and schools around the United States.

Zogby polled 2,100 adults in August. The poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 2.2 percentage points.

In other findings, Zogby found that 68 percent of parents are

not at all confident in search engines keeping their private information safe and secure and 71 percent of parents said the same about social networking sites.

Eighty-eight percent of parents said they would support a law that required online search engines and social networking services to get users' permission before they use personal information to market products. □



Diet pills are seen in California 2007. US pharmaceutical company Abbott Laboratories on Friday said it was pulling its obesity drug Meridia from the US market after European tests found the key ingredient increased the risk of serious heart problems.

By MATTHEW PERRONE, AP Health Writer

WASHINGTON — Abbott Laboratories said Friday it will withdraw its diet pill Meridia in the U.S. and Canada, after coming under pressure from health regulators who say the drug increases the risk of heart attack and stroke in patients with a history of heart disease. Companies have struggled for decades to develop drugs that help people lose weight without dangerous side effects. The withdrawal of Meridia leaves just one prescription drugs on the market for long-term weight loss — Roche's Xenical, which is not widely used. Several other generic drugs are approved for short-

term weight loss, including phentermine.

Food and Drug Administration scientists said they requested the withdrawal because Meridia's risks were not outweighed by "the very modest weight loss that people achieve on this drug." On average, patients lost five pounds with the drug.

"Physicians are advised to stop prescribing Meridia to their patients and patients should stop taking this medication," Dr. John Jenkins, the FDA's director for new drugs, said in a statement.

Meridia is not widely used in the U.S., with a steep decline in prescriptions in recent years. About 100,000 patients

## Abbott withdraws diet pill in US, Canada

use the drug in the U.S., according to the FDA. Eighty percent of users are middle-aged women.

Earlier in the day, national regulator Health Canada announced that Abbott would voluntarily pull the drug from the market there. Meridia has been available in both countries for more than a decade. European regulators pulled the product off the market in January after a study showed that patients with heart disease had an 11 percent chance of heart attacks or stroke while taking the drug compared with a 10 percent risk for those not taking it. Heart disease is relatively common among obese patients. Regulators in the U.S. and Canada said they based their decisions on the same data. Weight loss drugs have long been plagued by negative side effects — particularly heart problems. In the same year Meridia was approved, Wyeth's diet drug

combination, fen-phen, was pulled off the market because of links to heart-valve damage and lung problems. In 2004, the FDA banned the weight loss supplement ephedra because of heart attack risks. Outside medical experts repeatedly have recommended that the FDA require drugmakers to study the effect weight loss drugs have on the heart before they are released to market — as the agency requires for some other drug types. Jenkins said the agency is considering new requirements for weight loss drugs, "but we do not currently have a stated policy."

Meridia's withdrawal comes as the FDA reviews a new wave of weight loss drugs from several small drugmakers, but none have fared well before the FDA's expert panels. Last month FDA experts voted against lorcaserin, a drug from Arena Pharmaceuticals, because of malignant tumors

seen in animal studies. Earlier in the year, the same panel recommended against approval for Vivus Inc.'s Qnexa, after studies showed signs of heart palpitation and suicidal thoughts.

Meridia was originally approved in 1997 against the majority opinion of FDA's panelists, who noted that increases in blood pressure were seen with the drug.

The drug later won approval in Europe, although regulators there called on Abbott to study the drug's effect on pre-existing heart conditions.

Researchers assumed that patients taking the weight loss pill would have fewer heart problems, but the study results issued last November showed just the opposite.

Abbott, based in North Chicago, Ill., says it still believes its drug has a positive risk-benefit profile, but agreed to comply with the FDA's request. □



# Mich. couple gets 4 years in prison in Stamos case



**FILE** - In a Monday, Nov. 16, 2009 file photo, actor John Stamos is honored with star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles. Stamos can't make it to federal court in Michigan's Upper Peninsula next week, but he still wants to be heard. Federal prosecutors are asking a judge to allow them to read a statement from Stamos when two people are sentenced Friday Oct. 8, 2010 for trying to extort \$680,000 from him.

(AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes, File)

MARQUETTE, Mich. — A Michigan couple convicted of trying to extort \$680,000 out of “Glee” actor John Stamos were each sentenced Friday to four years in prison.

Allison Coss and Scott Sippola were hoping to receive sentences of less than two years in prison, but U.S. District Judge R. Allan Edgar ordered a stiffer punishment. They were convicted in July of conspiracy and using e-mail to threaten a person's reputation. Coss, 24, and Sippola, 31, threatened to sell old photos of Stamos with strippers and cocaine to the tabloids unless he paid up.

The FBI said such photos didn't exist. Edgar agreed and said Coss lied about the photos during her testimony at the summer trial in Marquette, in the state's Upper Peninsula. Stamos met Coss in Orlando, Fla., in 2004 when she was 17 years old. It was shortly after he had separated from his wife, supermodel Rebecca Romijn.

Coss testified that Stamos

snorted cocaine, sat nude in a hot tub with the scantily clothed teenager, and made sexual advances as they kissed while lying on a bed. He denied it.

Stamos, 47, starred on “ER” and “Full House” and now plays a dentist on Fox's hit musical “Glee.” He was not in court Friday but a statement from him was read aloud. He called the couple's actions “reprehensible.”

“The defendants' strategy consisted of lying and inventing stories at trial in a bid to confuse and incite the jury,” Stamos wrote. “I was

forced to watch (Coss) slander me at trial with impunity while the press reported their fabricated allegations.”

Coss was crying and too upset to speak to the judge before getting her sentence, which was near the low end of the guidelines.

She and Sippola were chained at the wrists and ankles as they were taken away by deputy marshals.

In a court document filed this week, Sippola apologized and said his “conduct was awful.”

“I sought to exploit my knowledge of the personal weaknesses of a perfect

stranger for my own undeserved financial gain,” he said. “I would be angry and hurt if that had happened to me and I am certain that Mr. Stamos feels that way towards me.”

Coss and Sippola were arrested last December at an Upper Peninsula airport after Stamos reported the extortion attempt to authorities.

Investigators said they had more than one scheme before settling on photos. At trial, Coss admitted sending e-mails under another name claiming to be a teen impregnated by the actor. □

## Kathryn Erbe returns to ‘Law & Order: CI’

LOS ANGELES — USA Network says Kathryn Erbe is coming back to “Law & Order: Criminal Intent” for the drama's 10th and final season.

Erbe will be reunited with Vincent D'Onofrio, who's also returning to the crime drama for its last year.

Series creator Dick Wolf said Friday that he's grateful Erbe agreed to rejoin what Wolf called one of TV's best detective teams.

Eight new episodes of “Law & Order: Criminal Intent” starring Erbe as New York police Detective Eames



and D'Onofrio as Detective 2011. The debut date was not Goren will air starting in announced. □



This film still released by Warner Bros. Pictures shows Daniel Radcliffe as Harry Potter, Rupert Grint as Ron Weasley and Emma Watson as Hermione Granger in Warner Bros. Pictures' fantasy adventure ‘Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows - Part 1.’

(AP Photo)

## Warner Bros.: New ‘Harry Potter’ flick will be 2-D

LOS ANGELES — The new “Harry Potter” film won't be as dimensional as it was supposed to be.

Warner Bros. Studios says the seventh installment in the popular boy-wizard franchise will be released only in standard 2-D, not 3-D as planned.

The studio said in a statement Friday that it was unable to complete the 3-D conversion of “Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1” in time for its scheduled Nov. 19 release date, and it didn't want to keep fans waiting.

“Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2” will be released in both 2-D and 3-D on July 15, 2011. □



**FILE**-In this Nov. 27, 2001 file photo taken in Franklin, Tenn., gospel legend Albertina Walker is shown at a reception before her induction into the Gospel Music Hall of Fame. Walker, 81, a Grammy-winning singer known as the ‘Queen of Gospel’, died Friday Oct. 8, 2010 of respiratory failure, at RML Specialty Hospital in Chicago.

(AP Photo/Neil Brake, File)

## ‘Queen of Gospel’ Albertina Walker dies at age 81

CHICAGO — Grammy-winning singer Albertina Walker, who was known as the “Queen of Gospel,” has died at age 81. Close friend and WVON radio host Pam Morris says Walker died Friday morning of respiratory failure in at RML Specialty Hospital in Chicago.

Morris says Walker was “a living legend” who was responsible for launching more than a dozen careers of gospel artists.

Walker formed her own gospel group, the Caravans, as a young woman and was a protege of gospel star Mahalia Jackson. U.S. Congressman Bobby Rush called Walker a voice for the civil rights movement. He says her music was “a healing balm to those who struggled for justice.”

Walker was lifelong Chicago resident and member of the West Point Baptist Church. Funeral arrangements are pending. □



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**BofA halts foreclosures in 50 states****By ALAN ZIBEL,**  
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**WASHINGTON**

— A mushrooming crisis over potential flaws in foreclosure documents is threatening to throw the real estate industry into chaos, as Bank of America on Friday became the first bank to stop taking back tens of thousands of foreclosed homes in all 50 states.

The move, along with another decision on foreclosures by PNC Financial Services Inc., adds to growing concerns that mortgage lenders have been evicting homeowners using flawed court papers, without verifying the information in them.

Charlotte, N.C.-based Bank of America Corp., the nation's largest bank, said Friday it would no longer complete foreclosures in all 50 states as it reviews documents used

to process foreclosures. That applies to homes that the bank takes back itself and those that it transfers to investors such as mortgage giants Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac.

A week earlier, the company had said it would only do so in the 23 states where foreclosures must be approved by a judge.

The bank did so in reaction to mounting pressure from public officials inquiring about the accuracy of foreclosure documents. A document obtained last week by the Associated Press showed a Bank of America official acknowledging in a legal proceeding that she signed thousands of foreclosure documents a month and typically didn't read them. The official, Renee Hertzler, said in a February deposition that she signed up to 8,000

such documents a month.

A company spokesman, Dan Frahm, said the bank still believes its documents are correct but wants to satisfy officials' concerns. "Our ongoing assessment shows the basis for our past foreclosure decisions is accurate," he said.

Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., who had called for such a suspension, applauded the bank "for doing the right thing by suspending actions on foreclosures while this investigation runs its course." Also Friday, Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn, the chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, said he would hold a hearing on the issue next month.

"American families should not have to worry about losing their homes to sloppy bureaucratic mismanagement or fraud,"



**FILE - In this July 13, 2010 file photo, Bank of America's headquarters are shown in Charlotte, N.C. Bank of America Corp., the nation's largest bank, is stopping sales of foreclosed homes in all 50 states Friday, Oct. 8, 2010, as it reviews potential flaws in foreclosure documents.**

(AP Photo/Chuck Burton, file)

Dodd said. "Regulators at the federal, state, and local levels have a responsibility to uphold the law and protect consumers from unfair foreclosure, and lenders have a duty to not cut corners around the law."

Banking and housing analysts, meanwhile, fear the foreclosure document problems could prolong the housing bust, and hundreds of thousands of inevitable foreclosures will be pushed off into some legal limbo for years.

"If you are looking at the key in this country to economic stability, it's the housing industry," said banking analyst Nancy Bush of NAB Research. "This is a huge mess that helps nothing."

And some analysts feel that uncertainty about foreclosures could make potential buyers change their mind about purchasing foreclosed properties. That's because of fears that the former owners will turn around and sue.

However, there could be a silver lining to the problem. A delay in foreclosures could actually prop up home prices in the short term because fewer low-priced homes would pour onto the market in the coming

six months. When those properties ultimately do go up for sale, the overall economy could be in better shape, said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

"The irony is, it may actually support the recovery," Zandi said. "It may be that when those properties actually hit the market, the economy is in a better place." Also Friday, PNC Financial Services Group Inc. said it is halting most foreclosures and evictions in 23 states for a month so it can review whether documents it submitted to courts complied with state laws. An official at the Pittsburgh-based bank confirmed the decision on Friday, which was reported earlier by the New York Times.

The official requested anonymity because the decision hasn't been publicly announced.

PNC became the fourth major U.S. lender to halt some foreclosures. In addition to PNC and Bank of America, Ally Financial's GMAC Mortgage unit and JPMorgan Chase & Co. have announced similar moves in the past two weeks. □

**Dow closes above 11,000 for first time since May****By STEPHEN BERNARD,**  
**AP Business Writer**

**NEW YORK** — The Dow Jones industrial average closed above 11,000 for the first time in five months Friday as hopes built that the Federal Reserve will take more action to get the economy going again.

A weaker jobs report added to a series of tepid economic indicators in recent weeks that have built expectations that the Fed will announce new steps to encourage borrowing when it meets in early November.

Private employers added 64,000 workers last month, short of the 75,000 economists expected, according to a monthly government report released early Friday. Overall, 95,000 jobs were slashed as governments laid off workers, including temporary census employees. The unemployment rate held steady at 9.6 percent.

Jason Pride, director of investment strategy at wealth management firm Glenmede, said that the weak report gives the Fed "the window of opportunity to take action."

The Fed's goal, if it starts buying bonds again, would be to drive interest rates down further from their already low levels and spark borrowing and spending. Lower rates

could also eventually drive investors into riskier assets like stocks or into currencies in countries with more attractive interest rates. According to preliminary calculations, the Dow rose 57.90, or 0.5 percent, at 11,006.48. The last time it crossed above 11,000 was May 3 of this year. It first crossed 11,000 in May of 1999, and reached its highest close of all time on Oct. 9, 2007, when it finished at 14,164.53.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 7.09, or 0.6 percent, to 1,165.15, and the Nasdaq composite index gained 18.24, or 0.8 percent, to 2,401.91. Employers have not started hiring a lot of workers because of worries about potential tax hikes and unknown costs associated with health care and financial regulatory reform passed earlier this year. Consumers have also kept their spending down, which has kept a lid on hiring.

In corporate news, Alcoa Inc. rose 5.7 percent after its earnings beat analysts' expectations late Thursday. The aluminum maker also raised its forecast for global aluminum consumption. Many companies have said international operations will be the driving factor in improving profits in the coming quarters because U.S. growth is so slow. □



# 'Good neighbor' corn fights borers at home, nearby



This photo Oct. 5, 2010 photo provided by the University of Minnesota, shows a corn borer in an ear of corn. A study being published Friday, Oct. 8, 2010, in the journal Science finds corn that's been genetically engineered to resist corn borers has a 'halo effect' that provides huge benefits to other corn planted nearby simply by reducing the corn borer population in the area. Given that the pest costs U.S. farmers \$1 billion a year, the economic benefits of Bt corn are dramatic, the study finds. Bt corn gets its name because it's engineered to produce a toxin from the common soil bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis*. The toxin kills the European corn borer and some other insects but it's harmless to people and livestock.

(AP Photo)

By STEVE KARNOWSKI,  
Associated Press Writer  
MINNEAPOLIS — This corn turns out to be a very good neighbor.

Corn that's been genetically engineered to resist attacking borers produces a "halo effect" that provides huge benefits to other corn planted nearby, a new study finds. Since the borers that attack the genetically modified crops die, there are fewer of them to go after the non-modified version.

Given that the corn borer has

cost U.S. farmers \$1 billion a year, the economic benefits are dramatic, according to the report in Friday's edition of the journal Science.

The genetically modified plants, called Bt corn, have had an economic benefit of \$6.9 billion during the past 14 years in the five Upper Midwest corn-producing states studied, concluded the researchers. They were led by William Hutchison, head of the entomology department at the University of Minnesota, and Paul Mitchell, an agricultural

economist at the University of Wisconsin.

They said they were surprised to find that non-Bt corn acres actually reaped 62 percent of the benefit, or \$4.3 billion. That's because of the pest-control effect and because non-Bt seed is cheaper.

"We knew there was a benefit but we didn't realize it was going to be that high," Hutchison said in an interview.

An accompanying commentary in Science by entomologist Bruce E. Tabashnik of the University of Arizona calls the study groundbreaking, partly because it's the first to do an economic analysis on the effect based on large-scale, long-term data.

Bt corn gets its name because it's engineered to produce a toxin with a gene from the common soil bacterium *Bacillus thuringiensis*. The toxin kills the European corn borer caterpillar but is considered harmless to people and livestock, so Bt corn has become highly popular since it hit the market in 1996. It's now planted on about 63 percent of all U.S. corn acres.

Caterpillars of the corn borer moth tunnel into corn stalks and chew on the leaves, cutting yields. Insecticides aren't very effective against them, Hutchison said. But when the insects munch on Bt corn, they stop eating within minutes and die within a day

or two, he said.

To guard against corn borers developing resistance to the toxin, federal regulations require that farmers plant a certain amount of non-Bt corn in "refuges." Requirements vary, but 20 percent of the corn acres has been typical for a Midwest farm.

The adult corn borer moths lay their eggs randomly on Bt and non-Bt corn. Caterpillars that hatch on the Bt corn die long before they can become moths, spread and reproduce. So if there are enough host plants, the study found, corn borer numbers across the broader area drop and damage even to non-Bt corn falls off substantially.

Requiring refuges makes it likely that any corn borer moths that develop immunity to the toxin and survive will mate with nonresistant moths and won't pass down the advantage to their offspring. In contrast, Hutchison noted, resistance has evolved in some countries that plant Bt cotton without refuge requirements. "It shows that resistance management is even more important than we thought," Mitchell said.

Hutchison said the study shows the value of maintaining refuge requirements despite reluctance from some farmers who would rather plant only Bt corn. He said they would still benefit even if they planted fewer acres in Bt corn, perhaps

a 50-50 or 60-40 split.

The corn study covered Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Iowa and Nebraska.

Whether they're designed to resist insects or survive herbicides like Roundup, genetically engineered crops have become common. More than four-fifths of U.S. soybean, corn and cotton acres were planted with genetically engineered varieties last year. Genetically modified crops have come under criticism from people who doubt their safety and fear the consequences if the genes find their way into the wild or other species, potentially putting the natural world and the food supply at risk in ways that can be difficult to predict.

But Hutchison said the best current science shows no negative environmental impact from Bt corn.

Two entomologists who weren't involved in the study said the findings are important.

"It shows there's an economic payoff for farmers that grow non-Bt corn as well as farmers who grow Bt corn. That's a very interesting finding," said Yves Carriere of the University of Arizona.

David Onstad of the University of Illinois said a strength of the study is that the large team of researchers involved included not just entomologists but people from other disciplines such as economics. □

## Women Don't Sweat as Much or as Effectively As Men

Wynne Parry

Now there's science to prove it: Men sweat more - and better - than women.

Researchers measured the rate at which both men and women perspired while biking for an hour under controlled conditions. Men who were physically fit sweat more readily than anyone else, and men, in general, also appeared to benefit more from physical training than did women. This difference became more pronounced as the activity level increased.

Physically fit people begin to sweat at a lower core body temperature. And since sweating is our body's way of cooling off (and keeping from overheating), this allowed men to perform longer, according to the researchers. Inactive women had the lowest sweat rate.

"It appears that women are at a disadvantage when they need to sweat a lot during exercise, especially in hot conditions," said Yoshimitsu Inoue, the study's

coordinator and a researcher at Osaka International University in Japan.

The researchers had 37 subjects cycle for an hour at increasing intensities - active subjects had participated in endurance sports for more than six years, while inactive subjects had, for the most part, not performed regular physical activity in the previous three years. The scientists measured the subjects' temperature, sweat rate and activated sweat glands for a number of sites on the body, including the forehead and thigh. The information was used to calculate sweat gland output and measure performance.

Fit women had higher sweat rates than inactive men, though this difference was not statistically significant. But fit men saw a more dramatic improvement in their performance over inactive men than did fit women over inactive women.

Overall, fit men sweat the most.

Sweat output per gland was significantly higher for fit subjects during more intense exercise than for their unfit counterparts, but fit men's sweat gland output increased more rapidly than the others as their body temperature rose.

Untrained women didn't fully activate their sweat glands until they reached a more intense level of exercise than the others, whose sweat glands activated sooner.

Prior research has shown a link between the male sex-hormone testosterone, physical training and an increase in sweat rate. Although they did not measure the hormone among their subjects, the researchers suggest the hormone may play a role in their results.

The study was published Oct. 1 in the journal *Experimental Physiology*. □





Actor Johnny Depp attends an event to promote the movie "Alice in Wonderland" in Tokyo March 22, 2010

# Johnny Depp makes surprise school visit in pirate gear

LONDON (Reuters) – Hollywood star Johnny Depp took "show and tell" to a new level at a London school when he turned up in full pirate regalia after a fan wrote to him seeking help stage a "mutiny," according to media reports. Beatrice Delap, 9, wrote to Captain Jack Sparrow, Depp's character in the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movies, asking for help with an uprising against teachers at Meridian Primary School in Greenwich, south-east London.

"We are a bunch of budding young pirates and we were having a bit of trouble mutiny-ing against the teachers, and we'd love if you could

come and help," Delap wrote to Depp. Depp, who is in south-east London filming the fourth "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie "On Stranger Tides," gave the school 10 minutes notice on Wednesday that he was on his way. The school quickly called an assembly and Depp walked in to gasps from the students, according to People magazine. Depp, holding the letter, called Delap up to the front and hugged her but he dashed any thoughts of a rebellion. "Maybe we shouldn't mutiny today because there are police outside monitoring me," Depp, a father of two, was quoted as saying. □

# Cabinet minister under fire for Vogue shoot

TOKYO (Reuters) – A popular Japanese cabinet minister apologized Friday after a photo shoot she did in Japan's parliament building for the local edition of Vogue drew fire from opposition parties. Renho, a 42-year-old former TV presenter who is state minister for administrative reform, appears in the November edition of Vogue Nippon posing near a marble staircase in a short white dress, cream jacket, and ankle-high boots, hand on one hip. The magazine went on sale roughly a week ago but only became an issue Thursday, when a weekly magazine -- more usual reading material for Japan's staid and overwhelmingly

male political establishment -- took it up. Opposition lawmakers promptly denounced the shoot, which accompanied an interview with Renho on her political beliefs and juggling of job and motherhood, as "inappropriate." Renho, who is half-Taiwanese and goes by only one name, stressed to a news conference that she had gone through proper channels to set up the photo session, which took place in August when parliament was in recess. "I frankly apologies if my action was inappropriate or caused concern, as that was not my intention," she said. Renho's office registered

her photo shoot with parliament as part of her political activities, which is permitted. Photo sessions for commercial use are prohibited. Renho, one of only two female cabinet ministers, became popular among voters after news shows focused on her grilling of squirming bureaucrats about the effectiveness of projects at government panel meetings to cut waste. The incident could become an additional headache for Prime Minister Naoto Kan, who is trying to reach policy deals with opposition parties in a divided parliament as Japan struggles to keep a fragile economic recovery on track. □

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# UAE, BlackBerry resolve dispute, averting ban



**FILE --** In an Aug. 5, 2010, file photo a BlackBerry user in Dubai, United Arab Emirates, displays a text message sent by his service provider notifying him of the Oct. 11, 2010 suspension of services. The United Arab Emirates said Friday Oct. 8, 2010 it won't go ahead with a planned ban on key BlackBerry services.

(AP Photo/file)

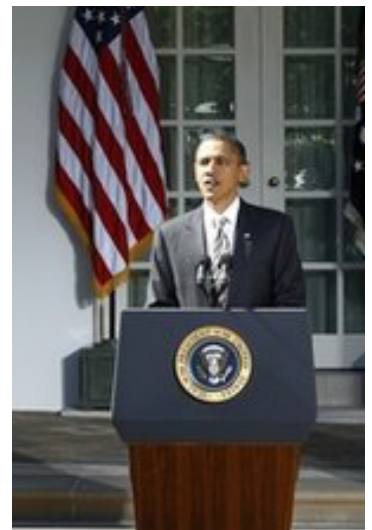
**By ADAM SCHRECK,**  
AP Business Writer  
DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — The United Arab Emirates on Friday backed off a threat to cut key BlackBerry services, just days before a planned ban that could have harmed the country's business-friendly reputation. The last-minute decision ended more than two months of brinksmanship with the Canadian company that makes the smartphones, a tool popular both with businesspeople and gadget-loving consumers in this Gulf federation. The ban on e-mail, messaging and Web services — which the government threatened to impose over security concerns — was due to take effect Monday. Half a million local users and thousands of BlackBerry-toting business travelers

would have been affected. Dubai's airport, the region's busiest, handles about 100,000 passengers daily. "It's going to come as quite a relief," said BlackBerry user Matthew Reed, a Dubai-based analyst at Informa Telecoms & Media, a research firm. "It was not at all clear what would happen until right up to the end." While a number of countries, including India and Saudi Arabia, have threatened BlackBerry crackdowns in recent months, the UAE's proposed ban drew widespread attention because of the country's tough negotiating stance and its role as a highly wired, tech-savvy trade and transportation hub. The Emirates telecommunications regulator confirmed that a deal had been reached with device maker Research in Motion Ltd.

that brought the devices into compliance with local laws. The Telecommunications Regulatory Authority provided few details, but said "no suspension of service will occur" Monday as previously planned, according to a statement carried by state news agency WAM. The wording of the announcement suggested the reprieve was permanent. The TRA acknowledged "the positive engagement and collaboration of Research In Motion (RIM) in reaching this regulatory compliant outcome." It wasn't clear what concessions, if any, the Canadian device maker made to avert the ban. TRA representatives were not available for comment Friday, the start of the local weekend. RIM declined to comment specifically on the UAE decision. "RIM cannot discuss the details of confidential regulatory matters that occur in specific countries, but RIM confirms that it continues to approach lawful access matters internationally within the framework of core principles" it has spelled out in the past, the company said in an e-mailed statement. Shardul Shrimani, a telecoms analyst at IHS Global Insight, said RIM likely gave authorities some limited access to the encryption data they use to safeguard users' messages or will allow them access to its servers.

"They must have come to some sort of agreement where there's some limited access," Shrimani said. RIM's co-CEO Jim Balsillie said last month that the company has no way of providing government officials with the text of encrypted corporate e-mails sent on its phones, but that it won't object if individual companies that use the devices hand over their encryption keys to authorities. Balsillie said countries that want access to BlackBerry e-mails could theoretically set up a national registry where companies doing business within their borders would have to provide government officials with the ability to peek at encrypted messages. The consumer version of BlackBerrys carries a lower level of encryption than the ones made for corporate clients. Emirati authorities would likely want the ability to access those phones' data as well. Saudi Arabia in August backed down from a threat to block the popular BlackBerry Messenger service after closed-door talks with RIM, resolving for now a dispute over the phones there. India has also put off plans to block corporate e-mail and messaging services unless RIM makes data more easily available to its intelligence and law enforcement agencies. New Delhi gave the company a 60-day reprieve starting Aug. 31. □

# Obama signs technology access bill for disabled



WASHINGTON — Blind and deaf people soon will be able to more easily use smart phones, the Internet and other technologies that have become staples of life and the workplace. A bill President Barack Obama signed into law Friday has been a priority of advocates for the millions of Americans who cannot see or hear. The new law sets federal guidelines for the telecommunications industry to ensure that the blind can get to the Internet using devices such as smart phones. They'll also be able to hear audible descriptions of what's happening on TV screens. For the deaf and hearing impaired, the law requires captioning of TV programs on the Internet. Equipment used for Internet telephone calls also must be compatible with hearing aids. □

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# Fase final para rescate de 33 mineros en Chile

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Especialistas a cargo de las máquinas de sondajes han asegurado que la roca perforada es muy sólida, a diferencia de otras minas en el norte del país sudamericano líder productor de cobre, lo que se ha reflejado en la estabilidad de los pozos y el desgaste de las piezas de los martillos.

Sólo dos horas antes de que se inicie el rescate serán seleccionados ocho socorristas, de los cuales cuatro bajarán al

fondo de la mina y los otros prestarán sus funciones desde la superficie.

Una vez decidido si se refuerza o no el ducto, los brigadistas seleccionados descenderán en una jaula hasta unos 400 metros para probar si presenta problemas en su deslizamiento al interior del ducto. Si no hay problemas, el equipo de rescate bajará al fondo de la mina para inicialmente chequear el estado de salud de los 33 mineros atrapados y luego sostendrán una charla para explicar cómo será el ascenso a la superficie. □

Un grupo de socorristas operan la perforadora T130 sobre el sitio de la mina San José donde permanecen atrapados 33 mineros, Chile, oct 8 2010. REUTERS/Luis Hidalgo



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